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Crews fight a Cranford Lane fire Tuesday morning, as smoke billows from a corner second-story window.

Crews contain Cranford Lane fire

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It was the best-case outcome for a second-story bedroom fire that began in a Cranford Lane unit a little after 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16. Thanks to the quick actions of firefighting crews from multiple Pointes, no injuries were reported, nor did the fire breach any other units. "It was probably some type of home item that caused it," Lt. Thomas Martindale said of the pre-

liminary indications. A "home item" could mean perhaps an electric blanket or a lamp. Price Zimmer, who lives next door to the unit that caught fire, called emergency services. "The tenant (next door), he knocked really aggressively," he said, "and I thought, 'Who's knocking at the door at this time of day?' And I opened it and then there's smoke." The same resident is said to have

knocked on each of the doors in the complex, ensuring everyone was alerted and made it out. "The whole second floor was just complete smoke," Zimmer said. "There was smoke billowing out of the windows. It looked pretty bad." As fire crews wrapped up, the other tenants were reportedly allowed back into their homes Tuesday. — Laurel Kraus

EERV has two prospects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The magic component of the extreme emergency relief valve — meaning the part of the valve that can be fitted to the municipal sewer system to defeat backups into basements even if the state denies the city a permit to do so, meaning the part of the valve that can be purchased at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars and employed effectively even if state environmental regulators deny its use as primarily in-

tended — is the valve itself. And it's not really a valve in the quaint sense of a rotating handle atop a spigot. No, it's more of a rectangular slab of metal called a sluice gate. Think of a vertical watertight door functioning in reverse: Instead of dropping down to block ingress of water, it is winched up to drain an overburdened sewer system directly into Lake St. Clair. "This is our big project," See EERV, page 2A

City passes finalized master plan

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It has been a little less than a year since the City of Grosse Pointe kicked off efforts to update its master plan

for the first time since 2012. Monday night saw the planning commission — the City's council also acts as its planning commission — approve the finalized plan 5-0, with members Maureen Juip and Don Parthum absent.

As the plan does not need to go before city council, City Planner John Jackson reported, it now is officially adopted. "The city's interested in preserving its residential neighborhoods," he said of what informed

the plan's updates. "They're interested in exploring the concept of bed-and-breakfasts under certain conditions, exploring accessory dwelling units under certain conditions." See PLAN, page 3A

Sworn in

Seth Krupp, M.D., was sworn in as the newest councilmember in the City of Grosse Pointe Monday, Aug. 15, by City Clerk Julie Arthurs. "I just wanted to thank everyone on council for having faith in me and giving me an opportunity to serve, and thank the people of Grosse Pointe City for putting their faith in me to serve," Krupp said. "I'm really looking forward to contributing, getting involved and I'm very excited to be here."



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Changes in Woods building department

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After the retirement of longtime Building Official Gene Tutag, the city has decided to go in a different direction with the department, rather than hiring a new official.

Council at its meeting Monday, Aug. 8, agreed to a contract with McKenna Associates to run the department. "Gene did a great job for 23 years with us, but he decided it was time to move on," City Administrator Frank Schulte said. "We had to act quickly to move forward and McKenna provides this service to several cities." The contract will pay McKenna 85 percent of the department's revenue, which is estimated at \$477,651 in the fiscal year 2022-23 budget, while the city will keep the other 15 percent. That revenue comes from

fees associated with various permits. In the first six months of 2022, the department received 3,280 permit requests, up 360 compared to the same period last year. McKenna oversees building departments in Birmingham, Oxford, Inkster and Westland, to name a few.

The company is no stranger to this area, however, starting with President John Jackson, who was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. McKenna's urban planners also are involved with the Mack improvement plan, which stretches from Detroit to Grosse Pointe Farms. "We've been providing" See CHANGES, page 3A

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Sewers getting 2nd look

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Now that all of the city's accessible sanitary sewers have gotten a look-see and cleaning, inspection crews are retracing their steps to root out sections of pipe that were blocked, clogged or otherwise unable to be cleared the first time around.

"Approximately 50,000 feet of sanitary sewer could not be inspected due to inaccessible structures or heavy debris that requires additional cleaning," according to a monthly progress report by Patrick Droze, project manager and associate at OHM Advisors, the city's engineering consultants.

Footage represents more than 20 percent of 230,000 feet of sewer Park officials ordered to be inspected in response to storm-induced backups into approximately 3,000 of the city's 4,200 basements during June and July last year.

"Current work efforts are primarily focused on performing additional heavy cleaning of sewers previously attempted for inspection," Droze said. "Over the next period, work is expected to continue in the southeast portion of the city between the Jefferson corridor and the lake and continue with miscellaneous side streets in the central parts of the city."

The area is bounded by Wayburn to Whittier between Jefferson and St. Paul.

Throughout the inspection process begun last fall, engineering updates included a tally of the volume of debris hauled out of the sewer system, plus laments about widespread

incurtion of tree roots into pipes.

Roots restrict the flow of stormwater and often block access of remote-controlled video cameras on the part of subcontractor Pipetek.

"Accumulation of debris continues to be an issue," Droze said. "Future operation and maintenance plans should include routine cleaning. Additional heavy cleaning of these sewers will be required to complete full inspections and identify other potential areas of concern."

"The mantra of infrastructure right now is to be proactive," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "So, it's not addressing a break; it's rather addressing things before they happen because preventive maintenance is going to be much cheaper for residents in the long term."

Another lingering impediment is the inability to access certain sections of underground pipes because crews can't find manhole openings.

"Manhole covers are an ongoing issue," Wiener said.

"Many sewers are believed to be buried and are inaccessible without excavation," Droze said. "Locating and adjusting these structures to grade will be required to continue proper operation and maintenance activities on the system, as well as making needed structural repairs to some of the sewers."

No one's sure where the manholes went or if.

"On the one hand, there could be buried manholes," Droze said. "On the other hand, they may have never been built in the first place. When some of this

(infrastructure) was built over 100 years ago, maintenance was not thought of the way it is now, with cleaning trucks and motorized, autonomous cameras."

Despite Pipetek inspection crews being somewhat thwarted, they have successfully removed nearly 700 cubic yards of material, according to Droze.

By comparison, the typical residential washing machine has a volume of a half cubic yard, the bed of a pickup truck can hold two cubic yards and a traditional dump truck holds 12 cubic yards, which goes to show what information is available on the internet.

"Pipetek removed ... 86 cubic yards of debris during the last two weeks alone," according to Droze's summary.

Lack of access is having a positive impact on the contract's budget.

"While some work remains, the executed contract is projected to have an estimated unused balance of approximately \$150,000," Droze said. "This is due to certain segments of sewers that could not be inspected. Pipetek has been authorized to perform additional cleaning on these sewer segments within the existing contract amount."

"They're doing additional cleaning in the southwest section of the city now," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

"In the capital improvement plan, Pipetek scoping our sewers is not intended to be a one-and-done," Wiener said. "One of the other action items is (to) dissect the city into segments and have continuous scoping of the sewers (and) continuous cleaning."

EERV:

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an insurance policy in case of another major storm," Councilman Max Wiener said. "Our goal is to have this in place prior to the rainy season in 2023."

Representatives of the Park, their engineering consultants and officials of the state department

of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy have been meeting regularly this year about the city's goal to install an extreme emergency relief value, or EERV, and related infrastructure.

Plan A

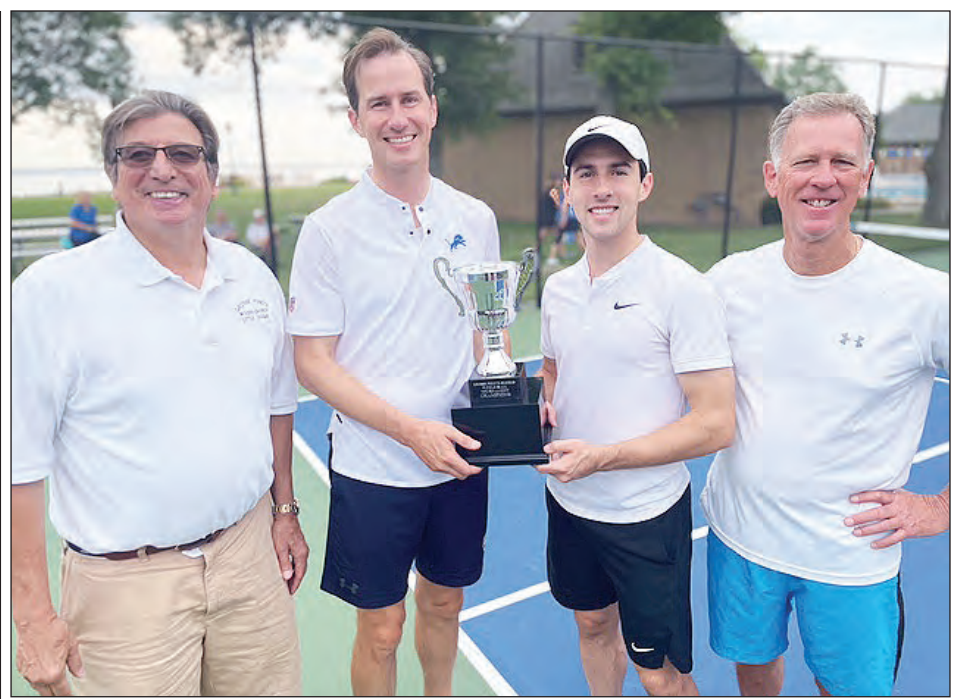
Plans are to attach the valve to the existing storm sewer under Essex at the foot of Three Mile Drive, plus lay a length of

five-foot-diameter pipe into Patterson Park to discharge excess storm water into the lake.

"You run a pipe from Essex to the lake, essentially," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

If runoff in the sewer system starts backing up from Detroit, as happened twice during intense and concentrated rains during the summer of 2021, the gate — the valve — is opened. Water spills into the lake rather than reprising the flooding of more than 3,000 of the city's roughly 4,200 houses.

"The sluice gate is actually the junction between the pumping station well (at Patterson Park) and the new pipe we will be constructing," Wiener said. "There also is a back-flow preventer that



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Champs!

Grosse Pointe Shores residents and brothers, Chad Krueger, second from left, and Jeff Krueger, third from left, won the first GPS Pickleball Tournament Saturday, Aug. 13, at Osius Park. Congratulating the winning team are Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski, left, and Councilman Donn Schroder, right. The 32-player tournament took place on the new pickleball courts at Osius.

Harbormaster rescues capsized kayaker

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Although he retired in 1999, after 14 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, Ross Bissell never quite left behind the skill-set.

In his first year as harbormaster at the Grosse Pointe Club, he took part in successful efforts to rescue a man from a sinking boat after it hit a submerged object. Just last week, he then saved an exhausted kayaker who had capsized.

Around 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, a report came in that there was an overturned kayak in Lake St. Clair. Using a pair of binoculars, a member of the private club spotted a single hand holding on.

"I just jumped in our little boat there at the

club and I went around the bend there and it still looked unmanned, but there was a hand there holding on," Bissell said. "... I just did my thing and did some search and rescue and got the person on board, because he was exhausted. He said his legs were numb from being in the same position for so many hours, but we were just so glad that we could get him out of the water."

The man, a Grosse Pointe Park resident in his early 60s, kayaked out from the Park marina around 10:30 a.m. and went to the Detroit River before making a loop by The War Memorial. The man said the waves then got bigger than he anticipated and he was unable to combat them.

Once he was able to catch his breath, the Park man returned home without emergency services needing to be called.

"He said, 'I've been kayaking all my life' and 'I overextended myself as far as the journey,' because he wasn't expecting the waves to pick up," Bissell said. "When he said he left, it was a glassy, calm day, but once he got around the bend, winds picked up and he just didn't have the experience to be able to get himself out of the water. So I guess just keep an eye on the weather, because that's the most important thing. He would have been fine had he known the weather was going to be like that, change quick."

— Laurel Kraus

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will be built in."

The Park's quest to prevent flooding by discharging storm water into Michigan waterways isn't rare.

There were 369 storm-water discharges of untreated combined sewage overflows totaling 3.84 billion gallons into the state's rivers and Great Lakes during 2020, according to EGLE's 2020 annual report.

Plan B

Hoping for the best but preparing for second best, Park officials said if the state denies permission to dump water into the lake, the sluice gate can be used for flood control in another part of the city.

"We're proposing another option at the Detroit River interceptor on Jefferson," Sizeland said.

The interceptor is the singular name for a pair of large pipes, one on top of the other, under

Jefferson. It funnels sanitary and storm water by gravity from numerous eastside communities and neighborhoods to the Freud and Connors Creek pumping stations. Both stations are operated by the Great Lakes Water Authority in Detroit a few miles from Park city limits.

"We have extra capacity we can use there," Sizeland said.

Extra capacity comes from the prospect of opening one of the pipes, now closed, as described in the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department 2003 wastewater master plan, Sec. 3.21.2:

"The shallower interceptor is a continuation of the Detroit River interceptor, but the interceptor is bulkheaded by a permanently-closed backwater gate at Wayburn Avenue, to force flow to the (Grosse Pointe Park) pumping station (next to city hall) on Jefferson and

Maryland."

"Right now," Sizeland said, "the bulkhead doesn't allow the Park to add additional flow, but from my conversations with (the water authority) and EGLE, they are amenable to having that bulkhead removed and giving the Park further relief."

"In case of emergency," Wiener said, "we could use the (sluice) gate to help gravity-drain the sanitary (system)."

To meet next summer's construction goal, Park officials are willing to order parts of the EERV system prior to obtaining state approval to install a valve at Patterson Park.

"The single, biggest lead time on any component of the EERV is the sluice gate," said Wiener, an engineer and chairman of the municipal infrastructure committee.

Manufacturing the custom part, costing \$400,000 but possibly more due to the highest inflation in more than a generation, is expected to take half a year due to the supply chain's own brand of backups.

"We want to get that gate under construction so we can have it for installation," Wiener said. "The infrastructure committee feels strongly that a sluice gate should be ordered in the coming month or so."

"If we order it and don't get an EERV permit, at least we have a backup plan to use the sluice gate another way," Sizeland said.

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Shores promotes officer

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The public safety department has promoted Officer Ryan Wilson to the rank of sergeant, with Mayor Ted Kedzierski administering the oath of office at the Tuesday, July 19, city council meeting.

Wilson, 33, has been with the department since 2016. He is a 2007 graduate of L'Anse Creuse High School and obtained an associate's degree in fire science from Macomb Community College.

It was a TV show that led to Wilson's career choice.

"We used to watch a TV show growing up called 'Rescue 911' and it really sparked my inter-

est," he recalled. "Being able to help people in their worst time of need is a great feeling."

The show, hosted by William Shatner, ran from 1989 to 1996, and featured reenactments, with occasional real footage, of 911 calls.

Wilson's wife, Caroline, and two daughters attended the swearing in, as did his parents, brother and in-laws. Caroline pinned the sergeant's badge on him. The couple have two daughters, ages 2 and 4, and are expecting in December.

"It can get a bit hectic, but it's manageable," Wilson laughed, "especially when they want to wake me up during the day to play when I'm working the night shift."

Wilson's experience as

a paramedic led him to apply to the Shores, saying his interaction with police officers on calls got him interested.

"This is one of the best parts of my job, getting to promote staff," Chief Ken Werenski said. "We interviewed Ryan in 2015, and sent him to the police academy in 2016. One of the most important things Ryan does for us is act as a field training officer to mentor the newer guys. That was an easy decision for the command staff."

Wilson got his paramedic certification in 2013, and went through the Oakland Community College fire academy in 2014.

Wilson said his favorite part about the job is the variety.

"I like switching gears

between the different professions," he noted. "You never know at any one time what you'll be doing."

Werenski said Wilson also is being prepped to join the detective bureau and has taken classes on topics such as stolen auto identification techniques, evidentiary photography, speed measurement and investigative statement analysis.

Since joining the department, Wilson has received five unit commendations, as well as a life-saving award in 2016, and the Director's Award in 2019.

"Ryan is a good guy," Werenski said. "When you call and he shows up at your door, you can smile because you know you've got the right guy."



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Caroline Wilson pins a sergeant's badge on her husband, Ryan, during his promotion ceremony last month.

Next steps for sewers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Having assessed the condition of most of the municipal sanitary sewers during inspections starting last fall, the city's consulting engineers are preparing the next steps, beginning with assessing the generations-old system.

"As part of this, OHM (Advisors, the Park's engineering contractor) will review the condition assessment date for sanitary sewer pipes and manholes investigated under the program," said Patrick Droze, OHM project manager and associate.

Tasks include specifying structural, operational and maintenance

defects of sewers and manholes.

Engineers can choose from a menu of corrective actions.

"Typical options for manholes include spray-in liners or manhole inserts, as well as isolated chimney repairs and adjustments," Droze said. "Typical options for pipe rehabilitation include spot liners, full

pipe liners, slip lining, pipe joint grouting and open cut repairs."

One thing leads to another in situations like this. Following systemic inspection, engineers will rank recommended improvements in order of importance.

Droze forecast three steps he anticipates completing by the end of September:

- ◆ Mapping proposed pipe and manhole rehabilitation projects,
- ◆ preparing cost estimates and
- ◆ identifying projects for construction.

Among those projects is separating one of the Park's few remaining sections of combined storm and sanitary sewer, namely on lower Jefferson from roughly Beaconsfield to the Detroit city limits.

"This section of Jefferson is critical," City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

On the drinking water side, another capital improvement at the forefront is replacing the water main at Mack and Cadieux.

"OHM identified areas within the city that are

critical water mains that need to be addressed," Sizeland said.

"We're talking about immediate capital projects, but the entire scope of the water main network is beyond end of life," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "We have to meter out where we're going to target first."

The Mack-Cadieux water main section is the city's most common breakage area. City officials said the section has failed around 20 times in the last 10 years, contributing to the overall

loss of approximately 46 million gallons of purified water per year from breaks throughout the city.

"There's a difference between maintenance and replacement," Wiener said. "The budget now is where we're patching breaks, but that does nothing for the longevity of the water main system."

The network is made of cast iron and is essentially one century old.

"Cast iron has approximately an 80-year lifespan," Wiener said. "So, the entirety of the network is a priority."

Promoted to sergeant

On Friday, Aug. 5, Grosse Pointe Park Officer Robert Ruggero was promoted to sergeant by Grosse Pointe Park Director of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell.



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The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, AUG. 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

◆ Music on the Lawn, Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. Featuring the band Newsmaker, street vendors, food trucks and other entertainment.

PLAN:

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tain circumstances and those sorts of things. We're proud of it, as I hope the city is too."

Aside from some fine-tuning, Jackson said, there were no major policy changes from the draft of the plan released last month for public review to what now has been finalized.

The only notable exception is an addition made Monday night, stating, "If an opportunity became available, additional park space could be utilized to create new recreational opportunities, such as a dog park or dedicated pickleball courts ..."

While the topic had been brought up through-

out the public engagement process, no mention of dogs made it into the plan, City Manager Pete Dame explained. The language does not imply a promise to bring anything to fruition, but is a way to ensure public opinion was heard and addressed.

While planning commission member Chris Walsh was not in favor of the added language, saying it should be addressed if and when an opportunity arises — fellow member Sheila Tomkowiak agreed the language doesn't have any teeth because of the lack of ability for implementation at this time — the commission ultimately approved its addition to the finalized master plan.

"I've been sworn in for five minutes now," said Seth Krupp, M.D., during his first meeting as a planning commission member and councilman Monday night. "I've already had two or three people ask me, 'When are we getting a dog park? I do think acknowledgement that it is at least being considered I think will probably help people feel like they were heard. Again, no one's going to be pleased really until we have it.'"

Focuses of the plan include the encouragement of new development in The Village and along Mack Avenue; exploring the allowance of B&Bs in the Estate Residential district; permitting accessory dwelling units by-right in

estate and low-density residential districts within structures already supporting the use and where sufficient off-street parking is provided; and creating adaptive reuse policies for non-conforming structures such as the former Chase Bank on Jefferson.

"By and large what we heard consistently was that people value the quality of the community, the residential neighborhoods of the community, and wanted to preserve that," Jackson said.

The finalized master plan, which will guide the City for the next 20 years, will be available on the city website as soon as the dog park language is added.

CHANGES:

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plumbing and mechanical inspections in the Woods, Shores and Park for a few years," he said. "We're familiar with the area and look forward to continuing that relationship."

Jackson said McKenna will pro-

vide a full-time inspector and permit technician, with a building official at city hall two to three times a week. For specialized inspections such as plumbing, mechanical and electrical, an inspector will be on-site twice a week.

"That's probably a Tuesday-Thursday thing, but we'll figure out what schedule is most effective for contractors once we get going," Jackson said.

They'll also have a planner assigned to the city to handle special projects, such as land use or zoning variances.

"The transition has been pretty smooth, working with existing staff and all," Jackson said. "We should be fully up to speed in a week or two."

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Colorado mountains a second home for Woods native

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

Growing up in Grosse Pointe Woods, Robert Barlow is not sure he had even seen a mountain, or thought about trying to summit one, before first arriving in Colorado 14 years ago to attend law school.

"Between my first and second year of law school, my sister's boyfriend asked if I wanted to do a 14er," Barlow said. "I didn't really know what that was, but there's 58 14,000-foot mountains in Colorado. ... I had no idea what I was getting into and wore skate shoes, shorts and a T-shirt. ... I had a headache for about three days from dehydration and swore I'd never do it again."

Barlow's promise to never again summit a 14,000-foot peak did not last long. In the time since, he has summited 14,000 feet nearly 500 times and has made alpinism the biggest part of his life outside of his full-time job as an attorney.

With now more than a decade of alpinism experience under his belt, Barlow has summited some of the highest peaks in the country and around the world, including Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. However, Barlow only recently was able to finally conquer the challenge that had been eluding him for years.

Nolan's 14 is a feat in which one must travel



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Robert Barlow, born and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, is an avid alpinist who has summited some of the highest peaks in the U.S. and around the world.

100 miles on foot and summit 14 different peaks of more than 14,000 feet each in Colorado's Sawatch Range in less than 60 hours. Barlow learned about the challenge from mentor and friend Andrew Hamilton and made his first attempt in 2017. Since then, Barlow has attempted Nolan's 14 multiple times unsuccessfully, but it continued to fuel his desire to

overcome adversity.

"I do really like to be challenged," Barlow said. "I like the process of refining and learning from it and getting better. It's one of the things that we're lucky enough to do as we get older. We learn from our mistakes and that's how growth happens."

From June 23 to 25 of this year, Barlow decided to give Nolan's 14 another go. With the

help of some friends along the way providing support, he was finally able to do it. After 59 hours and 29 minutes, Nolan's 14 became another challenge conquered for Barlow.

"There were questions in my mind about if I would ever finish it," he said. "Forty-one people in 22 years being able to finish it is not a lot and statistically it's a very difficult endurance run. ... To have finished it, there was a lot of relief and a lot of pride. Running down the last mountain I definitely had some tears in my eyes."

Finally finishing Nolan's 14 took every bit of strength and endurance Barlow had. Only 15 percent of the people who attempt it actually complete it, making Barlow part of an exclusive club.

The fact he was finally able to finish Nolan's 14 is not slowing Barlow down. His constant search for adrenaline and adventure has him already focused on the next challenges to take on.

"My list is always very big," he said. "Bigger mountains is definitely one. ... Next year there's something called the Elks Traverse, which is 50 miles with six 14ers that are a bit more technical than the range I was in for Nolan's."

With many feats still left to accomplish in the world of alpinism, Barlow is always on the move. Conquering

adversity and reaching the summit is a great feeling, but what Barlow takes away the most from his experiences on the mountains is the lessons he learns about himself and the world along the way.

"The mountains make us better," he said. "The

mountains are a pretty good metaphor for life. It challenges me not just physically, but mentally. You're taking all the stuff you've learned in life and putting it together. It's like a grand science experiment you're doing up there."



Barlow recently completed a challenge known as "Nolan's 14," summiting 14 different 14,000-foot mountains in Colorado in under 60 hours. Only 15 percent of people who attempt Nolan's 14 are successful.

City of Grosse Pointe

Grocery thieves

A 42-year-old Detroit man and 49-year-old Detroit woman were arrested after they were caught on video stealing \$317 in groceries from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

Stolen bike

A beige Jamis Citizen men's bike worth \$600 was stolen from an open garage in the 500 block of Fisher between noon

and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Animal cruelty

After leaving his dog in a car in the sun for more than an hour and a half at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, a 26-year-old Auburn Hills man was cited at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. The officers took the dog as well.

House party

All kids at a house party in the 300 block of Lincoln were found to be

underage when officers were called at 11:34 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. The 19-year-old resident was cited for the house party violation.

Domestic violence

A patient at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe reported her fiancée, a 58-year-old Detroit man, had struck her several times in the head Sunday, Aug. 14, but she did not want to press charges.

— Laurel Kraus
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Pressing your luck

After successfully stealing 11 bottles of liquor from a business in the 100 block of Kercheval at 6:10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, the three suspects returned and attempted to take an additional five bottles at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10.

When confronted by an employee during the second theft, the two men and a woman set down the items and left in a black sedan.

Customer not always right

A 46-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for trespassing at 8:27 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, after yelling vulgarities at a female cashier and refusing to leave a business in the 19000 block of Mack.

Suspended speeder

A 34-year-old Roseville woman was cited for driving while license suspended at 1:27 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, after she grabbed an officer's attention by speeding on Moross.

Drunken driver

After speeding along Lakeshore and refusing to pull over for a significant length of time, a 29-year-old St. Clair Shores man was found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.20 percent at 6:43 Thursday, Aug. 11.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated, as well as cited for speeding and the high BAC.

Mysterious appearance

An unknown person placed three parking cones, two lawn signs, a Lakeshore address plaque and an additional parking cone labeled "student pick-up and

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REPORTS: Moped stolen

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drop-off” in the 400 block of Belanger Saturday, Aug. 13.

Dangerous driving

A vehicle was seen sharply turning in the Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard intersection, then hitting the curb before driving through a red light and accelerating to 60 mph at 3:13 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14.

The 29-year-old Detroit woman admitted to consuming alcohol and was arrested for open liquor transport, operating under the influence and driving while license suspended.

— *Laurel Kraus*
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

One car entered, one not

Nothing was taken from inside a 2019 Kia Optima, of which someone smashed the driver-side window while parked at St. Paul and Nottingham between 11 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, and 2 p.m. the next day.

Yet, something was taken — miscellaneous change and personal items — from a vehicle parked unlocked during the 24 hours following 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe Drive.

Unknown car thieves operating from a white work van stole a black Genuine Buddy scooter worth \$2,500 parked on the street in front of a house in the 900 block of Nottingham.

The incident happened between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

“(A) witness saw a white work van involved in the theft, but not (a) suspect,” reported police.

In the red

Tuesday, Aug. 9, went bad from the get-go for a proprietor in the 15000 block of Kercheval.

Some \$100 was missing from the open cash register between 7:20 and 7:48 a.m., minutes after beginning operations for the day.

“No employees were present near the register at the time of the theft,” police said.

Flee and elude

At 3:31 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, police called off a high-speed chase of the operator of a black motorcycle fleeing investigation for running a red light at St. Paul and Somerset, directly behind Pierce Middle School.

Theft from garage

A victim told police a Cobalt hedge trimmer and leaf blower, plus two Cobalt batteries were taken from a detached garage in the 800 block of Pemberton between midnight and 9:14 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

— *Brad Lindberg*
Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Prowling or howling?

A 38-year-old Shores man was ticketed for prowling after a resident on Foxcroft called police around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4.

The resident told responding officers she saw the man running through several yards, trying to enter houses, and was about to jump a fence into her backyard when he was scared off by her dog. When officers arrived, the man was seen standing in front of a nearby house, “trying to look like he belonged there,” according to reports.

The man told officers his car was parked on the next block with a flat tire and he was chasing his dog, which he said ran off when he opened his car door.

Cognac caper

A 49-year-old Warren man was arrested for drunken driving around 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, after an officer observed his 2021 Honda Accord swerving on southbound Lakeshore near Provencal.

The man told officers he was diabetic and had not checked his blood sugar level in several days, but a nearly empty bottle of cognac was

found in the vehicle. After failing several field sobriety tests, the man registered 0.175 percent blood alcohol content on a preliminary breath test.

He was arrested and lodged in the Grosse Pointe Woods jail.

Concealed carry

A 38-year-old Macomb County man is awaiting arraignment in municipal court on charges of unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon.

He was pulled over around 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, on Lakeshore near Lochmoor for an expired license plate tab. The officer found a magazine with 12 bullets in it in the rear pouch of the driver’s seat and a .40 caliber Glock 22 handgun, for which the man did not have a CCW license, under the back bench of the 2016 Ford F-250. The truck was impounded and he was released on a \$500 bond.

— *Ted O’Neil*
Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

‘Cart’ blanche

Two similar crimes involving shopping carts were committed within days of each other at nearby businesses on Mack.

The first occurred around 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at Kroger, 20422 Mack, when a black male wearing a safari-

style hat pushed a cart full of produce and meat out the door without paying for the items.

When confronted by a manager, the man replied, “Don’t worry, it’s all junk,” according to reports. He placed the items in a vehicle, then got into the passenger seat as it drove off. The manager was able to take a photo of the license plate, which was turned over to detectives. Estimated loss was between \$200 and \$300.

The same modus operandi was used around 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at CVS, 20460 Mack, when a suspect pushed a cart containing \$471 worth of liquor, water and paper towels past the cash registers without paying.

When an employee tried to stop the man, he reached into his pocket and said, “Don’t do it. I have a gun,” according to reports. The suspect, described as a black male in his 50s wearing a baseball hat, white shirt and dark sweatpants, was last seen pushing the cart south on Mack.

Watch dog and watching car

A resident in the 2000 block of Van Antwerp

told officers she was awakened by her barking dog around 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, just in time to watch her Dodge Charger being driven away.

The owner said a Dodge Journey, parked behind the Charger in her driveway, was broken into and moved.

Special delivery

Officers were alerted by security at Ascension St. John Hospital about a child left alone in a vehicle in the parking lot around 7:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11.

An 11-year-old boy was found sitting in the backseat, crying, with the car keys still in the ignition. He told officers his uncle and girlfriend arrived at the hospital around 5 p.m. that day after she went into labor and the uncle told the boy he would return shortly.

Officers contacted the boy’s mother, who in turn called the uncle and told him to return to the car. A report was filed with Child Protective Services.

— *Ted O’Neil*
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OUR VIEW

Pony up, parents!

‘Back to school’ means expenses rule — now more than ever

Somehow in between graphing paper and glue sticks on your family's back-to-school supply list, add inflation to the litany of things you'll be paying for.

With higher prices on everything these days, families with school children will spend an average of \$864 for school clothes, equipment and supplies this year. That's \$15 more than last year, according to the National Retail Federation.

In the organization's just-released 2022 Back-to-School and Back-to-College survey, overall spending for the upcoming school year will at least match last year's record of \$37 billion that exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Despite this robust spending pattern, parents will be spending more, only to receive less. Nearly half the parents surveyed said they expected to buy fewer products this year, focusing on necessities because of inflation's impact.

For example, items like computers, dorm furniture and other supplies have seen inflation ranging from 2 percent to 22 percent since 2019. Since then, total expected spending grew by 36 percent for back-to-school and 41 percent for college expenditures.

Here in Grosse Pointe, parents are faced with the costs of school-issued supply lists to start the school year, whether they have students in public, private or parochial school.

Though it has never felt like a "suggested" list versus a required one for public school parents, our district is actually mandated by the Michigan Department of Education to supply certain "necessary" supplies for students, including pencils, paper, crayons, scissors and glue sticks.

For example, the language on Kerby Elementary School's supply list for 2021-22 included the following:

"Kerby School students are provided many necessary school supplies and text books which are mandated by the Michigan Department of Education. However, parents who prefer their children have their own personal school supplies may wish to purchase some or all of the supplies listed below."

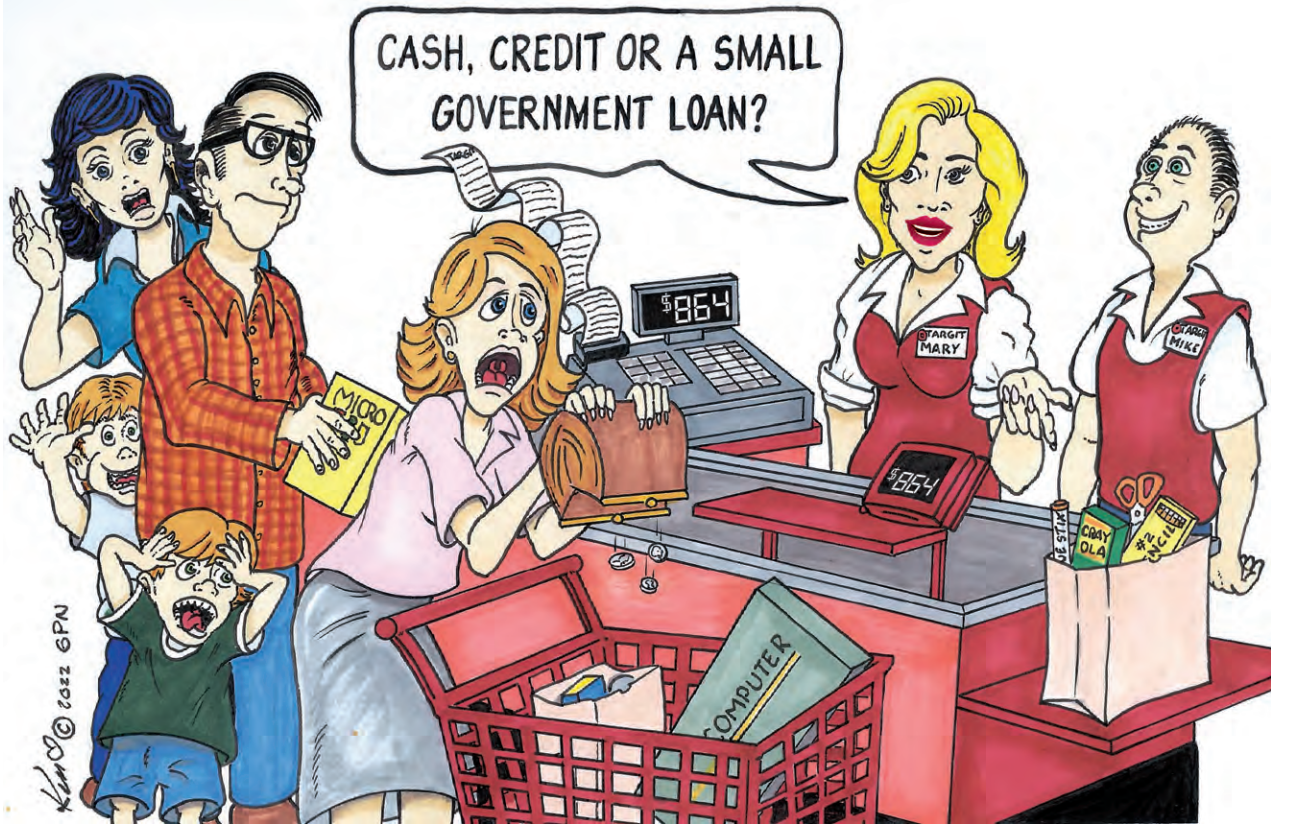


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Inflation nation

With higher prices on everything these days, families with school children will spend an average of more than \$800 for school clothes, equipment and supplies this year, bringing the price tag to more than last year's average, according to the National Retail Federation.

Who knew our kids could have been sharing supplies this whole time? Ticonderogas for everyone! That's good news to the families who are left with the obscenely long Target or Staples receipt every August.

Also add to Grosse Pointers' annual purchases the copious amounts of anti-bacterial wipes, Kleenex and paper towels parents (and teachers!) supply, even before COVID hit. We say Pointers do a mighty fine job helping our classrooms get fully outfitted to kick off the school year.

Oh, we almost forgot electronics. It goes without saying that no college student could actually fully navigate school without their own laptop, so pony up parents. You also are on the hook for providing your younger students with a phone, laptop, Chromebook or iPad for in-classroom use, thanks to our district's 'bring your own device' policy.

In fairness, BYOD is a common practice throughout public school districts in Michigan and our district does lend Chromebooks to those who need them. So, at least there's that assistance.

And if you have kids in both age groups? Chaching! Put away that vision board of your powder room remodel, because Best Buy or the Apple Store is absorbing that funding. That's assuming, of course, you even had it in the first place.

The fact remains, parents will keep hearing

the beeps from a cash register in their heads, in accordance with the beads of upper-lip sweat forming at the checkout line with every item that goes into the shopping cart.

The optics may suggest Grosse Pointers don't worry excessively about what it costs to get ready for the new school year, but fact is, everyone is feeling the squeeze on their pocket-books.

And a gentle reminder: Just when you are coming up for air from dropping off your college kids, remember you also need to pay your high schooler's Pay-to-Play athletic fee and/or shell out for your middle schooler's musical instrument and yearbook, or your elementary school's PTO fees.

This may sound like the cadence of the children's classic, "If You Give a Pig a Pancake." Only the back-to-class version is "If You Want to Give a Parent a Panic Attack." And like the book says, you'll probably decide you need some "syrup" (read: a cocktail) to go with it.

So in the event we have made your blood pressure or heart rate go up a bit, we recommend getting started on your shopping. Hopefully you can take advantage of any deals and promotions, or comparison shop between various stores. Shop locally where you can, and maybe you can upcycle your miles-long receipt into a notebook, while you're at it.

At least you'll have plenty of glue sticks to work with.

LETTERS

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Fixing enrollment declines?

Letter to the Editor:

Grosse Pointers have been told on numerous occasions at Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings that the administration is deploying numerous strategies to reverse the declines in enrollment that the district has been plagued with, certainly during Superintendent Dean's tenure and well before. Apparently they have hired new communications personnel to market all the positive attributes of the GPPSS district. The fruits of these strategies have yet to be realized as the district is on course

to realize a further decline for the 2022-23 school year. Yet raising enrollments is critical to fixing the budget gaps that currently are being plugged with COVID funding.

If the administration really wanted to understand the reasons that families were departing GPPSS and enrolling in the parochial and private schools, or leaving Grosse Pointe schools altogether, perhaps the administration would hold exit interviews with each of those families to learn the real reasons for their departure and then share that data with the public in the spirit of transparency.

Our family has now departed GPPSS and our fifth-grade son will be enrolled at St. Paul's

this fall. GPPSS was alerted to this fact through a completed form filled out last spring. Yet we have never been contacted for an exit interview. Strange. I wonder how many other departed families have never been interviewed. It is quite difficult for the GPPSS to fix what ails its enrollment problem without this critical information.

SANDY HUDSON
Grosse Pointe Woods

Respect for the facts

To the Editor:

I was once a huge fan of newspapers. As time passed, the enjoyment derived from the flipping through print pages waned as the bias became more obvious. Sadly, what eventually was being passed off as news was clearly opinion. You can learn from opinion, but opinions are not facts. Fact and opinion often bear no resemblance in today's world.

Recently, I gave Grosse Pointe News a try. Each issue I am thrilled to read news as it once was, journalistic non-biased presentation of fact and events. The first time I

realized GPN is unique was the story surrounding a piece of property bought by the city on land contract. The situation had people upset. GPN investigated the story, going so far as to reach out to the seller of the property and identifying and presenting the facts, which by the way, made perfect sense, leaving no room for discontent.

Another more recent example is the article about the planned charter school. Again, people are upset about the planned school. On this issue I don't really understand why. Looking to formulate an opinion, I turned to GPN's article that stated the facts and interviews identifying both sides of the situation. Still not sure where I stand, but the article guides how to think about the issue, not what to think about the issue.

GPN is a refreshing reminder of bygone days, where journalism was a thing to be respected. Great job GPN! I look forward to more time with the paper!

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Trusting an unknown future to a known God



About two months ago, a friend and I decided to become “Bible buddies,” holding each other accountable to reading a chapter a day and then having someone with whom to discuss anything that may have come to mind from its content.

This past Saturday we read the sixth chapter of the book of Mark, which contains a rather thought-

provoking lesson in faith within its subcontext.

It is this chapter that tells two of the most well-known miracles of Jesus: the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water.

The first takes place when thousands of people have followed Jesus to a remote area to hear his teachings. As the day gets later, his apostles come to him and suggest he send the crowds back into the villages to buy themselves something to eat. We learn from where the story is also recounted in the book of John that a young boy is found in the crowd with five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus blesses the food, splits it and commands his apostles to pass it out among the crowd of 5,000. After

each person gets their share, there are still 12 extra baskets of food, one for each of the apostles.

Later that day, Jesus sends his disciples to board a ship to travel to Bethsaida while he goes up to a mountain to pray. The sea becomes choppy with strong winds and as the disciples are struggling to row, Jesus comes walking on the water to them. At first they are afraid, but he tells them it is him and goes up into the ship.

The conclusion of the telling of this miracle in verses 51 and 52 says, “... and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. For they considered not the miracle of

the loaves: for their heart was hardened.”

Just hours after they personally witnessed Jesus feed 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish — not to mention they likely have the 12 leftover baskets on the ship with them as a physical reminder — the disciples can’t quite seem to believe that he calmed the waves.

I can clearly see myself in the disciples, as I imagine most Christians can. We tend to witness God perform a miracle in our lives and as soon as the going gets tough again, wonder where he is or if our problem isn’t too big or too complicated for him to handle.

I’ve witnessed God move in my life many, many times. There have

been large-scale instances such as walking away from a horrific car accident without a scratch; finding myself in a fulfilling journalism career when I consistently thought I was heading in a different direction; and prayerfully easing through situations that were stacked high against me.

There have been quieter moments where I’ve found unexplainable peace in the midst of deep pain or have looked back and suddenly understood why an event in my life had to occur.

There have been prayers answered within moments and I can think of more than one prayer that was answered after years and when all hope was seemingly lost.

And yet, many times when the waves in life get too high for comfort, I tend to let myself start sinking into despair rather than looking up to where Jesus is praying in the mountain.

How amazing it would be to keep our answered prayers in the front of our minds constantly, to fully trust our future on what we know God already has done. How much more difficult it would be to fall victim to doubts or fear.

While writing this piece, I had the thought that I should start keeping a journal of each time I see God move in my life, both big and small, as a physical reminder to lean back on.

Like the wind, I can’t see him, but can unmistakably see his effects.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

PARK MERCHANTS WIN BATTLE: The proposed big sewer project of Detroit which would underlay certain streets in the Park village, for which amicable arrangements were made between the village and Detroit some months ago, has landed in the law courts with a bang. Merchants doing business along Kercheval between Nottingham and the city limits (between Wayburn and Alter road), alarmed by the threatened closing of considerable sections of Kercheval by the construction operations, acting through their attorney, petitioned the court for a preliminary restraining order.

22 CALLS IN TWO HOURS TOO MUCH: The moronic pastime of dialing a telephone and hanging up as the party answers seems to have been revived. On Aug. 9, Mrs. Louis De Keyser of University Place phoned the police that within the last two hours her phone had rung 22 times by actual count, with dead silence on the other end when she answered. Lt. Van Becelaere took the matter up with the phone company, hoping to locate the past. He got little encouragement from this source. The phone people told him that unless there was some answer and a conversation ensued it would be impossible to check on a sending number under the automatic system.

1972

50 years ago this week

SHORES POLICE UNIONIZE: In activity

dating back to late 1971, including a unanimous election by secret ballot in April 1972, Shores patrolmen agreed to form the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Officers Association. The association represents 12 patrolmen according to its president, Bruce Darlington, and excludes supervisors. Bargaining has already begun toward the final approval of the contract.

SCHOOL SYSTEM TO FIGHT TICKET FROM WOODS: A dispute between the Board of Education and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods over a parking lot ordinance passed in September of 1965 and amended in January of 1966, has resulted in legal action. The Woods has issued a violation, which is punishable by \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail, to Ben Zenn, director of administrative services for the school system. Mr. Zenn is charged with operating an off-street parking lot on July 31 without a license.

NEW CHIEF: Acting on the recommendation of City Manager Robert Slone, the Park council at its regular meeting approved the appointment of Acting Chief of Police Henry O. Coonce to the post of chief. Coonce, 44, who officially held the rank of

lieutenant but designated as assistant chief, succeeds Chief Gerard Kesteloot, who retired from the force after 30 years of service in the community.

1997

25 years ago this week

T O U G H E R TRUANCY POLICY TO RETURN: The new high school attendance policy in Grosse Pointe made its debut with a raucous student protest last September. Since then, as word spread and everyone has had time to understand the new policy, things have settled down considerably. Yet, following a first-year review with teachers, administrators and support personnel, there are still lingering concerns and mixed reviews.

WILL VOICE MAIL IMPROVE COMMUNICATION?: Few people are as isolated in our modern world as the classroom teacher. So said James Frantz, technology consultant to the Grosse Pointe Public School System in a presentation to the school board on a proposal to install “voice mail” in the district. Teachers do not have telephones in their classrooms. Parents, as

well as administrators, have expressed interest in the school district obtaining a method of improving communication between staff and with the public.

POINTE COMPUTERS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR 2000: It’s not quite millennium fever — the phenomenon where predictions of doom and destruction are made to mark the beginning of a new 1,000-year era — but those with computers might want to take some extra care. According to Grosse Pointe Woods information and technology manager Joe Murphy,

some computers will not be able to “cope” when 1999 turns into 2000.

2012

10 years ago this week

CITY PLANS CHANGES: An expanded hospital and parking deck occupies an entire city block in a new master plan being drafted for the City of Grosse Pointe’s future. The plan is a work in progress subject to review by city residents and stakeholders. Also allowed a say are repre-

sentatives of adjacent communities and over-arching jurisdictions, including Wayne County.

MIELE’S WORK ETHIC SECOND TO NONE: Grosse Pointe Woods’ Andy Miele is working hard to reach his ultimate goal — making the Phoenix Coyotes out of training camp. The 24-year-old center is working out under the tutelage of fellow Grosse Pointer Mike Hackett. Miele is using the Syphus training method, utilizing exercises that help him work on his endurance and explosiveness.



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Atelier moving out; Village Palm expanding

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The future of Atelier GP Kitchenware may be unclear, but two things are certain: It is leaving its current storefront in The Village and the owners are determined to find a new home for their sustainable giving business.

In its wake, the owners of Village Palm will immediately expand into the space at 17133 Kercheval, opening a new business called Newport.

Named for the city in Rhode Island, where their daughter recently moved, Anne and Matthew Turnbull hope to have it open by Oct. 1, three years to the date after purchasing Village Palm in 2019.

“After the pandemic, I think that people are done with the larger malls,” Anne Turnbull said. “I think they want to focus on small business, customer service, keeping things local and, with us also becoming a Main Street designation, that



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

As Atelier GP Kitchenware leaves 17133 Kercheval, Village Palm will expand into its space with a new business called Newport.

has also put some more energy into our downtown.

“I see customers coming in that I haven’t seen in a while,” she added, “and I’m trying to stock the store to be readily available for, ‘I need a dress tonight,’ ‘I need a new top for my husband,’ ‘I need baby gift,’ and opening the other store, I basically need more space.”

Because of a contract with Lilly Pulitzer, Village Palm isn’t allowed to carry more than 20 per-

cent of non-Lilly clothing for women. The extra space will enable them to bring in additional brands.

Atelier

Come Aug. 31, Atelier will close up shop at the Kercheval space where it has existed since 2019. Since its inception in 2017 — Atelier initially was housed in Marais Market — its concept has been to bring a kitchen store to downtown Grosse Pointe while supporting arts and music

education programs.

After covering the lease, inventory and employee costs, 100 percent of Atelier’s profits have gone to programming such as arts education in Grosse Pointe schools and music arts education through the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

“The concept was called sustainable giving,” explained Seth Romine, who is co-owner with his wife, Laura. “We make the investment and what the community

puts in is what the community gets out. Very idealistic. ... Education is still the great equalizer, quite frankly. It is that which helps those that are disadvantaged excel. It is what helps a community grow.”

While around \$50,000 in donations have come out of the business the last five years, it has been difficult to sustain with the couple both working full-time corporate jobs.

“We still believe in this model and want to do it,

but we want to find a better way,” Romine said, “so we took the opportunity when the lease was up (to) see if there’s another way that we can partner with a restaurant (or) can we partner with another store?”

The Romines currently are searching for a store, restaurant, boutique or market that would be willing to rent out a small amount of space and sell Atelier merchandise. They also are considering transitioning to a pop-up concept.

Through the rest of the month, Atelier’s hours will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Its entire inventory is 40 percent off in an attempt to liquidate as much as possible.

“We really believe in this idea,” Romine said. “It’s been a lot of fun. It’s been rewarding. We just, with our busy schedules, need to figure out a model that fits a little bit better.”

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Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber Director of Membership Carolyn Stolarski, Zane Bazy, Kyla Bazy, AMZ owner Al Bazy, Marissa Bazy and Malik Bazy.

BOLD Flow Yoga hosts grand opening this week

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The attributes bold, but humble are the essence of the yogi community Katie Leibhan and Susan Weisberg are working to create.

The two met when their oldest children were in preschool and have partnered to rebrand and relocate the former Yoga Shelter above Trader Joe’s into BOLD Flow Yoga at 17024 Kercheval, which previously housed Pointe Electronics.

Leibhan owned the Grosse Pointe Yoga Shelter studio since 2015, and during peak COVID the women decided to purchase all four Yoga Shelter locations — one in West Bloomfield and two in Royal Oak — with an interest in making the practice accessible for everyone and growing the community.

“Our philosophy is come as you are,” Leibhan explained, “so we offer a wide variety of classes and we really encourage students to kind of take any expectation of yoga that they have and try to set it aside

and just come as they are.

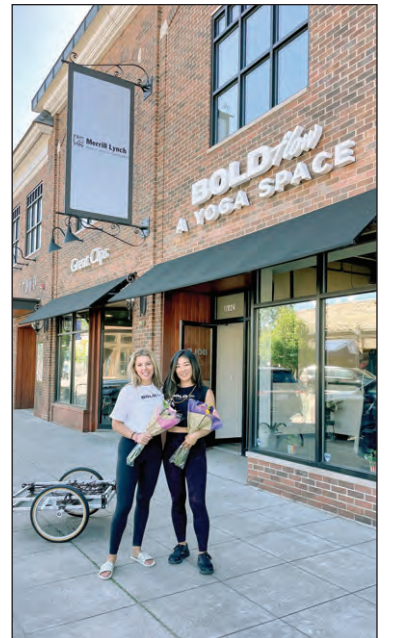
“A lot of people think you have to be flexible or in shape or spiritual or know a lot about yoga and you really don’t,” she added. “We’re just moms, everyday people, and our class styles and our teachers really reflect that.”

The grand opening will kick off at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, with a free yoga class followed by the ribbon cutting a little before 7 p.m. Along with raffles and multiple chances to win a free month of yoga, shopping sales from its full retail boutique will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Among its stock are lululemon, Maduka, local brands and kids yoga accessories.

Specials also will be offered during the Streetside Sale-ebation Friday, Aug. 19: spend \$100 on merchandise or classes to get a five-class pass, which is valued at \$125, for \$10; or spend \$200 to get five classes for free.

“We’re dedicated to the Grosse Pointe community and we’re very excited to be here for many years to come and we invite everybody to come out,” Leibhan said, adding new students can get the first month of unlimited yoga for \$69.

Named for its bold community and the ele-



COURTESY PHOTO

Katie Leibhan and Susan Weisberg are the owners of BOLD Flow Yoga at 17024 Kercheval.

ment of flow in all its classes, BOLD Flow’s relocation had to do with an interest in staying in the same area, but becoming less hidden.

“We’d do the sidewalk sale every year and everybody would come up and say, ‘Oh, I didn’t even know you were back there,’ so it’s kind of been in the back of our minds for years that we need to be in a more visible location,” Leibhan explained. “The Village is super special. It’s such a walkable community and we just wanted to be in a space where people could walk in just off the street and feel like it’s an open environment to do that, where before you had to know where we were. Kind of a best kept secret.”

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School board hears strategic plan update

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Three district administrators cohesively presented an update of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's recently passed strategic plan at the Aug. 8 school board meeting, with each of them discussing one of the three focus areas of the plan.

The update was the second provided by the administration since the plan was passed in a 5-1 vote last December.

Dan Hartley, the recently hired director of secondary instruction, discussed updates related to curriculum, instruction and student learning. He mentioned his own hiring process for the director of secondary instruction role as one of the plan's achievements, along with the use of instructional coaches and refreshed professional development opportunities for teachers.

Hartley said because of the new instructional coaches' summer training sessions with the Jim Knight Coaching Group, the coaches will be able to help teachers to their fullest abilities through



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTT

Members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education discuss the strategic plan update.

out the school year. "We can really kick off the year and see results (of the program) right away," Hartley said. "Those coaches will be partnering with teachers to set database goals around student achievement, around student engagement, making connections (and) maybe even classroom management."

Director of Pre-K and Elementary Instruction Keith Howell presented the section focused on global competency, real-world literacy and readi-

ness. Howell said several of the district's summer programs — such as Summer Connections, Camp Adventure and Camp O' Fun — related closely to the strategic plan's goal of ensuring the learning environment reflects contemporary educational practices and prepares students for future careers.

Camp O' Fun, which has become a district mainstay in recent years, was reworked to produce a program more in line with this goal, Howell said.

"We also had theme-

based activities through Camp O' Fun this year that were more focused on putting students in collaborative environments and giving them different opportunities rather than just a childcare experience," Howell said. "So they're doing a lot of great things that are ensuring the learning environment continues to be exciting for them throughout the summer and we're looking forward to springboarding that into the new school year."

Rebecca Fannon, the district's communi-

cations director, gave the final part of the update on family and community engagement developments.

She discussed how the communications team has been focused on ensuring constituents have equity of access regarding school district updates and how, in order to improve this, her team has been furthering outreach to those without school-age children.

This group of targeted community members has been encouraged to sign up for the district's Friday e-newsletter at events like the community luncheon, which has, in part, contributed to the newsletter receiving between 8,000 and 10,000 readers each week.

Fannon also updated the board on community and staff survey participation, through which she said the district engaged more than 500 community members with children in the school district, 200 community members without children in the district and 400 staff members.

Following a question by Trustee Ahmed Ismail about when the results of the survey would be

made public, Superintendent Jon Dean specified the results will be released mid-September.

"We typically do that survey in the spring, gather the data, compile the data during the summer and then meet with our five union leadership groups to share the data with them first, because they partner with us on encouraging their members to take that survey," Dean said.

Trustee David Brumbaugh said the results of the surveys will be important as the district continues to work to improve its operations and he is looking forward to the results becoming available.

"I'm glad to hear that you're continuing to do outreach to the staff to kind of have discussions about what the key themes are in action items for that, because I know that when it comes to those survey tools, community outreach sessions, other things that we've been doing, one of the things that we've been interested in is what (the key themes are) and what (we are going to do about them)," Brumbaugh said.

GPPSS releases water quality test results

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Annual water testing results recently were provided to the Grosse Pointe Public School System by Testing and Engineers Consultants Inc. They indicated an improved water quality position for the district from last year's results, with one site at one school testing with higher-than-recommended lead and copper mineral levels, compared to multiple sites across nine schools testing with higher-than-recom-

mended legionella bacteria the previous year.

The identified site, which the district currently is remediating, is a sink in the staff lounge of Pierce Middle School. Because students are not allowed to access the lounge, it is not believed any of them have been affected by it.

Eighty-eight other water samples, taken from sites across the district's buildings, were tested and also came back showing the presence of these minerals, but at levels considered safe by the Environmental

Protection Agency.

The difference in the severity of the district's water quality from last year to this year likely is due to water usage in the buildings returning to pre-pandemic levels, as a result of classes being held fully in person during the 2021-22 school year. The increased presence of legionella bacteria in the samples taken at the end of the 2020-21 school year was thought to have developed from stagnant pipe water while buildings were not in full use.

Commensurate with

practice since the Flint water crisis, the district specified it will continue to sample water during breaks and provide updates to the community regarding water quality issues.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Annalise Reed of Grosse Pointe recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, Department of

Poultry Science with a BSA degree in biological science. While pursuing her studies she also participated for four years on the Division 1 Equestrian Team, including a 2021 national

championship, and served as co-captain her last year. She has been accepted into the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine for graduate school.



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Open seats are now filled

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The mayor repeated to the city council this month the top standards by which she recommends appointments to municipal boards and commissions.

“The items we looked at were skillset alignment with the tasks being asked of these individuals, as well as their ability to contribute to that organizational culture and do so in a team-oriented and productive way,” said Mayor Michele Hodges upon presenting five candidates for approval to the city council July 18.

She wants her team to finish first.

“And part of that goal: GST — get stuff done and move together assertively,” she said.

Hodges’ five nominations to four volunteer boards won unanimous

city council approval. “We did have a large pool of individuals to consider,” she said. “We have a tremendous amount of talent in this community.”

DDA

First up was a seat on the Downtown Development Authority. The opening resulted from the resignation of Vice Chairman Andrew Richner, an attorney, former Park councilman, Wayne County commissioner and, starting in the late 1990s, three-term state representative.

“We thank Mr. Richner for his strong leadership at the helm of the Downtown Development Authority,” Hodges said. “He was with us at a crucial time and got us through some important projects.”

She nominated James Kretzschmar to complete the term ending in 2025. Kretzschmar lives and

works in the DDA district.

On his application, he said he wants “to serve and humbly return what has been so graciously provided to me (and) to participate in the ongoing progress of our city.”

“Thank you for those heartfelt words, Mr. Kretzschmar,” Hodges said. “He also has a strong belief in the team concept and project management.”

Ethics review

Hodges’ nomination to the three-member ethics review board completes the term of Lawrence Mann, who stepped down. “He was one of the board’s founding members, certainly highly skilled on the job,” Hodges said.

Anthony Agosta fills the seat through 2023.

“He studied ethics in law school and is with Clark Hill, one of the region’s blue chip law

firms,” Hodges said.

“In the current charged climate we live in, a level head is needed to properly review ethical complaints and not just jump to conclusions,” Agosta wrote in his application.

He chairs the firm’s litigation department.

“I have great admiration for litigators,” Hodges said. “They have to be very smart and quick on their feet.”

Recreation

Two appointments to the parks and recreation commission fill terms running through the end of this year. One fills an opening created by the resignation of Chairman Robert Klacza.

“We all know how important our parks are,” Hodges said. “They’re why people come to Grosse Pointe Park and we need a good partnership between our staff and community.”

Appointees Paul Spratt and Howard Bouton won approval.

“(Spratt) has a solid logistics and management background,” Hodges said. “He has a young family, has lived in the Park 12 years (and) happens to be an athlete. He brings the necessary skills to the table.”

Bouton is a 16-year resident of the Park with an, up to now, unofficial interest in municipal happenings.

“It is time for me to formally put my money where my mouth has often been,” he said in his application.

“A highlight on his application is he wanted to serve and be helpful,” Hodges said. “He, too, has a management, operation, sales (and) communications background.”

Library board

“Our library system, much like our parks, are very important to the quality of life here,” said Hodges, nominating 38-year Park resident Sandra McAlister

Ambrozy to fill an at-large position on the Grosse Pointe Public Library board of trustees that rotates throughout the five Grosse Pointes.

“Each Grosse Pointe at any given time has the responsibility for appointing that position,” Hodges said.

Three candidates earned interviews for the job.

“They were all outstanding,” Hodges said. “Sandra McAlister Ambrozy was absolutely exceptional. She brings a wide grasp of skills to the table. She most recently served as a program officer for the Kresge Foundation, a huge skillset to draw from.”

“As a former member of Kresge’s arts and culture program team, I have an understanding of the larger library field and the valuable role libraries play in communities across the United State,” Ambrozy wrote in her application. “In all my research, the Grosse Pointe Public Library has stood out as an exemplar.”

Downspout disconnect mandatory

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Like the kid said in “ET,” “This is reality, Greg.”

That which applied to beaming up extra-terrestrial lifeforms to galaxy-crossing spaceships also applies to disconnecting downspouts.

The once-voluntary program of disconnecting gutter downspouts from the sewer system is moving to the mandatory

stage.

“There is an ordinance that requires compliance,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

“We’ll be enforcing that?” asked Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance review committee.

“Yes,” Sizeland answered.

“Good,” Caulfield said.

Rules apply across the board to residential, commercial and rental property, and are of heightened

concern since last summer’s two rounds of sewer backups into basements during big storms.

“Disconnecting downspouts can greatly reduce the amount of stormwater entering the sewer system,” according to “Downspout Disconnection Program FAQs” on the municipal website, grossepointe-park.org. “It is also an important step in reducing the risk of basement flooding and releasing polluted

rainwater into our local waterways.”

The city’s public works and building department staff is working with consulting engineers at OHM Advisors to compile a list of properties in voluntary compliance, which means they’re also tallying those that aren’t.

Those that aren’t will receive a letter informing them of their obligation to be so.

“Roughly 300 properties were inspected in the city,”

according to the most recent OHM report. “Sixty-three percent of the properties are fully disconnected. Thirty-seven percent are partially disconnected, (meaning) one or more downspout is connected to the sewer system.”

“We are going to send out the letter to those who have not volunteered,” Sizeland said.

“We continue to try to and work through voluntary contacts and communications,” said Councilman Max Wiener in a report. “We will be transitioning into unsolicited inspection in the coming months.”

There are exceptions.

“A property or downspout may be eligible for exemptions where the city determines a disconnection is not feasible or creates a hazard,” according to the list of frequently asked questions. “For example, the downspout is located near areas of property where it could be unsafe for water to drain, there is no ground area for drainage, or if downspouts are inside the wall of the structure or backyard driveway drains are too difficult to move.”



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Father-son fish tale Farms men hook catch of the century

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Pretty much since he could hold a rod and reel,



The sturgeon measured 6 feet, 10.5 inches and is believed to be more than 100 years old.

Steven Kujawski has been fishing.

The 33-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident has landed some notable catches over the years, but nothing quite like what he experienced this Fourth of July — due to both the fish and the way it was caught.

He and his father, Mark, were on the north channel of the St. Clair River fishing for walleye when something more challenging bit.

“We’d been out an hour or so and hooked what we initially thought was a walleye,” Mark Kujawski said.

“It was really pulling the line,” Steven Kujawski added. “We thought it was maybe a sheepshead or muskie. After 20 minutes of reeling, we saw this big creature.”

When the beast partially jumped out of the water, they realized they had snagged a sturgeon — two weeks before the start of sturgeon season. From a distance, it looked to measure between four

and five feet. They learned differently two and half hours later, when they finally reeled it in.

“We got some big ones last year that only took 10 to 15 minutes to reel in,” Mark Kujawski said. “For sturgeon, you use a 60- to 80-pound test line because the fish could be 150 pounds. With walleye you use a 10- to 15-pound test line because it’s a much smaller fish.

“The stars were aligned,” he continued, “because we were using poor equipment — a 17-pound test line, which is way lighter, so Steven had to take his time.”

Steven Kujawski said he was focused for the duration.

“I’d reel it in more and more,” he said. “I stood up the whole time; my back was getting stiff.”

The fish made several runs during the more-than-two-hour ordeal. After 15 minutes of progress, it would make a run and take 70 feet of line with it, Mark Kujawski said.

“We were using a tiny hook meant for walleye,” he explained. “If you force the fish, you can rip the hook or break the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Steven Kujawski wrangles a 150-pound sturgeon he accidentally landed while fishing for walleye.

line. We drifted three miles by the time we got the fish to the surface.”

Even then, they weren’t prepared. They had with them a net for a much smaller catch.

“I was down on the swim platform on my side,” Mark Kujawski said. “I said, we can’t muscle it out of there with the light line and small hook, so I got him by the fins and was directing him.”

The pair made lassos for the head and tail.

“We lassooed the tail first so he wouldn’t be able to get away,” Steven Kujawski said. “He was docile when we were touching his head, but when we got to the tail ...”

Mark Kujawski ended up soaking wet and sporting a bruise on his leg that he bragged about for weeks.

“It was the most fun

I’ve ever had fishing,” he said.

The fish was out of the water less than a minute — Steven Kujawski managed to pull it onto his lap briefly before it wriggled free — and the father-son team was able to measure it before releasing it.

“We’re very much into conservation,” Mark Kujawski said. “We took great care and concern not to damage the fish. We didn’t try to drag it into the boat.”

The whopper measured 6 feet, 10.5 inches.

The Department of Natural Resources this summer recorded its record sturgeon at 6 feet, 10 inches.

The Kujawskis were in touch with the DNR after releasing the catch. Based on photographs and videos the pair submitted, they were told it likely was 100 years old or older.

“Sturgeon have been around 250 million years,” Mark Kujawski said. “They stopped evolving then because they didn’t need to change at all. It’s a prehistoric fish. They don’t have scales — they have scutes, so it’s smooth to the touch. It’s pretty amazing to catch a fish that’s 100 years old or more.”

Their documentation

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Gilda’s locations open to in-person programming

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Though most of the world has gone back to “business as usual” as the effects of COVID-19 have tapered off, Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit has been more cautious in resuming in-person activities.

Gilda’s Club offers support services and resources to anyone whose life has been touched by cancer — including current and post-treatment patients, as well as their families and friends.

Recently, Gilda’s Club’s three southeast Michigan locations — Gilda’s Lake House in St. Clair Shores, Gilda’s Clubhouse in Royal Oak and Gilda’s @ Durfee in Detroit — launched soft openings to offer in-person programs like it did before the pandemic.

“We did a soft launch in June, just to see how we navigate keeping healthy and safe while offering opportunities to bring the community together,” said Katrina Studvent, chief operating officer of development and engagement for Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit.

Studvent knows firsthand the importance of providing a sense of com-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of Gilda’s Club participate in a yoga session. In-person classes recently resumed at its three metro Detroit locations.

munity. A breast cancer survivor, she uses what she learned during her cancer journey to help others. One of those lessons was accepting help when it’s provided. She said she has seen people hesitate to attend programs at the club, because they feel like they should be paying for the services they need.

“This isn’t about being

able to afford it, but what services we provide,” she said. “When I was diagnosed, I was working class, with health insurance. I told the social worker, ‘I’m good.’ But I wasn’t. I really did need to connect with other individuals going through what I was going through. That has nothing to do with economics. “We are a cancer sup-

port service and it’s for everyone,” she continued. “I can afford resources, but there’s nothing like coming into room and having people get what you’re going through.”

Since Studvent joined the organization nearly a year ago, not only has she successfully grown the staff and programming at the three loca-



Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit COO of Development & Engagement Katrina Studvent

tions she oversees, but she also helped develop and launch Gilda’s Club’s fourth location — Gilda’s Virtual Community, offering virtual programs for the at-risk population it serves.

“Virtual is really a blessing,” said Christina Lombardo, program coordinator at Gilda’s Lake House. “People who can’t get out can at least feel a part of it and not be isolated.”

During COVID, when the rest of the world shut down, Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit saw an increase of 217 new members. In 2021, it hosted 14,690 program visits, 531 support groups, 111 educational lectures, 208 social events and 878 healthy

lifestyle activities. The region currently offers support and education to 1,355 active participants.

“While others were shutting down or reducing their services, we were growing,” Studvent said. “Cancer didn’t stop because of COVID. ... For the individuals we serve, it’s a no-brainer to keep it around. To offer virtual is a huge resource that’s ongoing.”

Though in-person programming is limited — in hours and program size — the organization still is accommodating those not ready or able to meet face to face.

“We continue to have robust virtual programming,” said Rachelle Felty, LMSW, program manager at Gilda’s Lake House. “A lot of people don’t want to meet in person.”

But for those who do, support services offered through Gilda’s Club include support and networking groups; diagnosis specific groups such as brain, breast, colorectal, lung, ovarian and pancreatic cancers, among others; healthy lifestyle programs, including art therapy, book club, chair yoga, tai

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Scout brings chess tables to The Village

Frequenters of The Village may already have noticed the recent addition of handmade chess tables, which also can be used for checkers, to the plaza at St. Clair and Kercheval.

The three weatherized, steel tables — with table tops made of wood, marble and ceramic — and accompanying six chairs, are the work of 17-year-old Jake Sachs, a member of Boy Scout Troop 96 in Grosse Pointe.

Setting out to build the tables last fall as his Eagle Scout project — the highest rank that can be achieved in Scouts — Sachs totalled 331 work hours in leading the planning, fundraising, building and installation.

"I'm really impressed and proud of his perseverance in sticking with it and being so dedicated to bringing his project to completion," said Cindy Willcock, director of Main Street Grosse Pointe,

which partnered with Sachs to bring the project to fruition. "He was very intent, very adamant about doing something that helped activate public space and was of benefit to the community."

While Sachs fundraised \$1,150 of the needed \$1,400 to complete the project, and received donated mahogany, complications and inflation led to the finished product being \$740 over budget.

A GoFundMe to make up the difference has been created and can be found at gofund.me/ff281bb0.

During a ceremony in December, Sachs will receive his Eagle Scout designation.

"It's a really high achievement in general," he said, "but it's definitely a high achievement in scouting."

— Laurel Kraus



COURTESY PHOTO

Jake Sachs and his father install one of the chess tables in the St. Clair Plaza.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ Story Studio, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 30. Children can enjoy a snack and learn about a different animal each week. Cost is \$5 for children, \$4 for children of members.

◆ Craft in the Digital Age Exhibition, featuring the work of contemporary Detroit-area artists and designers throughout the rooms in the main residence, runs Sept. 1 to 30.

◆ "Tai Chi and the Call for Balance," 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, with Dr. Ginseng Gray-Tilmon.

◆ Game Night, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Storytime: "Trees Make Perfect Pets," 10:30

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a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 6 to 27.

◆ "Tai Chi for Health," 6 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15 and 22. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Savvy Seniors Computer Classes: Email: Mail in the Computer, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside: Butterflies, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Chess Club, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Tompkins Center at

Windmill Pointe Park. Michele Hodges, president of the Belle Isle Conservancy, speaks. She also serves as a gubernatorial and mayoral appointee to the Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee. Her work has earned recognition from Crain's Detroit Business 40 Under 40 and Most Notable Women in Non-Profits. She also serves as mayor of Grosse Pointe Park. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a seat, email gmcattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 E. 12 Mile, Roseville.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, The Shores Church, 24905 Manhattan, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens,

St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, VFW Post 1146, 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Holy Innocents Catholic Church, 26100 Ridgmont, Roseville.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

◆ Travels with Peter Haley, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24. Haley will share his adventures in the Arctic Svalbard through video and lecture.

◆ The movie "Chocolat" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Essential Oils, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, with instructor Tonya Trotter. Learn how essential oils work and how to make them.

◆ Body Alignment, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays for beginners and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays for intermediate students. Gwendolyn J. Scales instructs this free class.

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French, noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays for beginners, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays for intermediate students. Dr. Dib Saab instructs this free class.

◆ Games on the Lawn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Games are free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Knitting for Charity, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.

◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

GPAA

The deadline for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's next exhibition, "America's Love Affair with Cars and Trucks," is Friday, Aug. 26. Artists are asked to explore the role of cars and trucks in people's lives. The juror is to be announced. The show is Sept. 15 to Nov. 3.

Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos, 21520 Harper, St. Clair Shores, offers several programs and classes. To register, visit minipicassosstudio.com.

◆ Art After School, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10, for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$145.

◆ Toddler Art Party, 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10, for ages 18 months and older. Cost is \$110.

◆ Preschool Art, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13, to Oct. 11, for ages 3 to 6. Cost is \$110.

Family Center

The Family Center presents Family Book Club, from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The group will discuss "Thrivers: Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine," by Michele Borba. RSVP at info@familycenterweb.org.

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Celebrating a century

Couple take turns turning 100

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Family and friends of Richard and Lorraine Vaisey had plenty to celebrate last week as the couple, who live at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods, both celebrated their 100th birthdays.

Richard was first to reach the milestone Tuesday, Aug. 9. Lorraine followed three days later, hitting the century mark Friday, Aug. 12.

A party — with cake, refreshments, gifts and loved ones — was held in their honor Aug. 10.

The couple — who also celebrates their 78th wedding anniversary Friday, Aug. 26 — met at a roller rink in Grand Rapids.

Though their courtship was quick, it's not without its charm.

As recounted to the Grosse Pointe News while celebrating their 75th anniversary in 2019,

it wasn't quite love at first sight:

One night, a tall, dark and handsome stranger asked Lorraine to skate.

"Afterward, (my friends and I) always got something to eat," she said. "While we were driving that first night, we saw him and two other soldiers walking — they were staying downtown — so I picked them up and drove them downtown to drop them off.

"The next Saturday we went to the rink and he was there again," she continued. "It was a snowy, wintery night. I asked him if he wanted a ride to my house. My parents were there having coffee and cake, so we had cake and milk with them. My dad talked to him about the Army. Dick mentioned he had to hitchhike back."

Gas rationing and heavy snowfall prompted Lorraine's father to invite Richard to spend the night. With her brothers away, there was an open room.

"The next morning, my mom fixed a nice breakfast, but Dick didn't eat much," she said. "My dad



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Richard and Lorraine Vaisey hold hands during their shared 100th birthday party.



Richard and Lorraine Vaisey pose with, from left, son-in-law, Mike Blank; daughter, Lori; and son, Ron.

said, 'What? Are you lovesick?' I could have fell through the floor. He wrote me a letter that week and ... I guess that's what started it."

Every Saturday, Richard would come to the roller rink and the two would spend time together. Ten months later, they got married. Soon after, Richard shipped out to Europe to fight in the war.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-46, and upon returning to civilian life finished college.

During that time, the Vaiseys welcomed a son, Ron, and then a daughter, Lori.

Richard worked for General Motors in Grand Rapids before being hired as an engineer with the U.S. Air Force in Detroit. The couple remained independent, splitting their time between houses in Warren and Florida, until Lorraine had a stroke a few years ago.

When asked their secret to a long life, both said there is no secret,

though Richard indicated his wife has had plenty to do with his longevity.

"This is as much about her as it is about me," he said.

"It's different from one day to the next," Lorraine said of their long life together. "He's easy to get along with. He doesn't disagree or cause a fight — and neither do I. I guess that's why we get along pretty good."

"Just stay in a good mood," she added, "and don't fight unless you can win."

Shorepointe Counseling hosts five-seminar series

Jerry M. Nehr Jr., M.A., L.P.C., presents a series of five seminars at Shorepointe Counseling, 24938 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

The series kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday,

Aug. 27, with "Caring for an Aging Parent."

Subsequent lectures include:

◆ "Active Shooter Anxiety," 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

◆ "Substance Abuse Awareness," 10 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22.

◆ "Parenting an Adult Child with Mental Health, Developmental, Substance Abuse Challenges," 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

◆ "Coping with

Loneliness, Isolation and the After-Effects of COVID Quarantine," 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Each seminar is

approximately 60 to 75 minutes long. Cost is \$49 per lecture or \$196 for all five.

For more information

or to register, call Nehr at (313) 410-3519 or email marketing@shorepointecounseling.com.

Bee Fest making a buzz at Belle Isle Nature Center

Something is abuzz at the Belle Isle Nature Center.

Bee Fest, the Belle Isle Nature Center's annual celebration of the pollinators who call southeast Michigan home, returns from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

Hosted on National Bee Day, Bee Fest focuses on the important role bees play in the ecosystem and teaches guests how to care for these six-legged pollinators through fun activities and educational displays.

During this outdoor event, guests can expect:

- ◆ beekeeper talks,
- ◆ biodiversity presentations from Oakland University,
- ◆ pollinator-friendly arts and crafts,
- ◆ beeswax candle making,
- ◆ honey tastings,
- ◆ bee-friendly gardening tips,
- ◆ local vendors and more.

"Bee Fest is a celebration of the bees, everything they do for us and everything that we can do for them," said Amy Greene, nature centers director for the Detroit Zoological Society. "It's going to be a great day where everyone — no matter how much knowledge they are coming in with — can feel connected with nature and



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Nature Centers Director Amy Greene and Nature Center Supervisor Ryan Vance.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Susan "Suzy" Kappaz

Susan "Suzy" Kappaz passed away Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, surrounded by family. Despite a difficult 10 months, she never complained and faced each day and challenge head on.

Suzy was born Jan. 20, 1963, and graduated in 1981 from Grosse Pointe North High School, where she was a cheerleader and musical theater actress.

Soon after graduation, she began her career at Gail & Rice Productions in metro Detroit, which enabled her to be involved in the entertainment business, travel to fun places and meet personalities and celebrities.

After a long and fruitful career at Gail & Rice Productions, Suzy ventured out and started her own concierge service, Suzy on the Spot, using her gift of organization to assist others.

Suzy was always thinking of others. It was rare for her to forget a birthday, anniversary or holiday and she loved to find the perfect gift or card.

She leaves behind her mother, Helen; siblings, Nick, George (Linda), Kay (Duane) and Paul (Rosalie); nieces and nephews, Amy, Emily, Alex, Daniel, Grace and Pauly; great-nieces and great-nephews, Maxton, Vivian and Mia, as well as Baby Boy Kappaz, due December 2022; her dog, Toula; and countless friends. She was predeceased by her father, George Kappaz.

Gratefulness abounds for Suzy's friends who supported her and the Kappaz family the past 10 months, including her "personal nurse," whose friendship and knowledge is treasured.

A celebration of life party takes place Saturday, Sept. 10, with details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to I Heart Dogs, iheartdogs.org; or an animal organization of choice.

Services were entrusted with Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc., Shelby Township. Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Frederick Anthony Lenard

Frederick Anthony Lenard, 84, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, at his home in St. Clair Shores. He was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Born Sept. 7, 1937, in Detroit, Frederick joined the U.S. Army as a young man. He then became an engineer at General Motors and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in 1980. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who cared for his wife, Julie, who has multiple sclerosis.

In his free time, Frederick enjoyed golf, tennis and bowling and was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, where he loved grilling for the annual steak dinner. He also was a former member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, often participating in its annual plays and CFM. A family man and friend to everyone, Frederick also coached his daughters' soccer teams and enjoyed reading, cooking, traveling, gardening and creating stained-glass art.

Frederick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Julie Lenard; daughters, Teresa Maniere (Jim), Amy Lenard, Sarah Michaelis (Chris) and Catherine Coulon (Billy); grandchildren, Emma, Bridget, Indica and McCartney; and sister, Margaret "Peggy" Hojna. Frederick was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Marie Lenard; and sister, Joan Casali.

A private celebration of life will be hosted by his family.

Rose Ann English

Rose Ann English, 87, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at home surrounded by family.

Rose Ann was born July 8, 1935, in Grosse Pointe. She grew up in the Blondell Farmhouse on St. Clair Avenue, one of the last original ribbon farmhouses in the Grosse Pointes. As part of a large extended family, she grew up with her mother's youngest brother, Duncan MacEachern, and Fr. Vincent MacLellan.

Rose Ann embraced a tremendous work ethic and lifetime of generosity and kindness. She was deeply involved with St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, where she attended elementary and high school.

Rose Ann attended Michigan State University and graduated with a degree in home economics. She then began a brief yet rewarding career at Continental Baking in Detroit, touring and teaching school children about nutrition.

Rose Ann also was an accomplished athlete, winning the varsity basketball city championship in 1953. She became the first female lifeguard in Grosse Pointe in 1955, inspiring her family and generations of families to love and appreciate the water.

Rose Ann and John "Jack" Edward English married at St. Paul and enjoyed 57 years together. She dedicated herself to her family and friends, deftly managed a busy household, nurtured four children and cherished her friends from swimming, tennis, bowling and golf. She was a constant fixture at her children's and grandchildren's sporting events and schools. She was deeply involved in her community including the Bon Secours Auxiliary and Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. Rose Ann loved to bake and loved teaching her children



Susan Kappaz



Frederick A. Lenard



Rose Ann English

and 10 grandchildren how to cook. Her signature Cookie Day became an annual family Christmas event, as well as the yearly summer Camp Grandma Rosie.

She was the office manager at her husband Jack's law firm and the two loved to travel internationally and celebrate holidays with family. She remained close with her two sisters, spending winters on Sanibel Island, Fla., living just a few blocks apart and walking the beaches nearly every day.

Those who knew her will miss Rose Ann's warm smile, welcoming laugh and brilliant blue eyes. She will be remembered as a kind and generous spirit who supported and cared for all. The family thanks Rose Ann's devoted caregivers, especially Dianne.

Rose Ann was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Enceladus Krumholz (aka Bob Blondell); her loving husband of 57 years, John "Jack" Edward English; and her older sister, Celestine Luke. She is survived by her younger sister, Marilynn Bejin; children, Maureen English-Carroll (Ned), John English Jr. (Peggy), Patti Willard (John) and Kevin English (Kelly); and grandchildren, Kathryn, Bridget, Molly, Meghan, Sean, John Jr., Patrick, Michael, Ryan and Alexander.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org; The Helm at the Boll Life Center, helmlife.org; or Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan's Adaptive Sports Program — Wheelchair Basketball,



Mary Katherine Schultz

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Mary Katherine Schultz

Mary Katherine Schultz (White), 92, passed away Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022.

Born July 7, 1930, Mary graduated from St. Martin's Catholic Church and attended the University of Detroit. Once her children were out of school, Mary joined Grosse Pointe Cable and worked her way up to general manager.

She and her husband, Ted, married in 1951, and enjoyed 64 years together. They loved to spend summers at their Lake Erie cottage in Amherstburg, Canada.

Mary enjoyed knitting, sewing, reading and working in her beloved garden. She also was an avid golfer and member of Lochmoor Country Club for many years.

Mary is survived by her children, Ted Schultz (Colleen), Claudia DeWald (John), Chris Wellington and John Schultz; grandchildren, John, Mary Katherine (Molly), Megan, Paul and Sarah; and great-grandchildren, Mason, Linley, Jude and Penny.

Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband, Ted; parents, Edward and Marie; and brothers, Mike, Ed and Joe.



Elizabeth Wilds

A memorial Mass will be held at noon Friday, Aug. 19, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. The family will receive friends at 11:30 a.m.

Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Full Circle Foundation, fullcirclefdn.org.

Elizabeth "Bette" Wilds

Elizabeth "Bette" Wilds, of Burton and formerly of Harper Woods, passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at age 91.

She was born March 11, 1931, in Detroit.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert; dear sister of the late Tess Adamo (the late Tony), the late Bob Genna (the late Juanita), the late John Genna (the late Lillian), Francis Pranito (the late Sam), Rose Pecnik (the late Ralph), the late Angelo Genna (Angie), the late Grace Orlando (the late Peter) and Mary Carnaghi (Jerry). She also is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bette was laid to rest Aug. 12, with her husband, Bob, at Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit. Expressions of sympathy maybe shared at wasikfuneralhome.com.



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Standing from left are Tina Olofsson, Joanne Niederoest, Sandy Magreta, Clementine Rice, Madeleine Phillips, Pat Hays, Sharon Lutz and Karen Kolp. Seated are Helena Thurber, left, and Christina Liedtke.

All about Detroit

The afternoon of May 12, La Societe des Jardinieres had a meeting at Bayview Yacht Club, featuring guest speaker, Christina Liedtke, founder of the Astouri collection. Liedtke discussed her journey establishing her style company, through which she creates

apparel and accessories that are stylish, multi-functional and include Detroit imagery. The hostess for this event was garden club member Clementine Rice, who provided lunch for the group. Each attendee received an Astouri scarf featuring a Detroit city scape.

Don't forget to cast your votes!

Participants in the second annual Best of the Best contest, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News, have until 5 p.m. today, Aug. 18, to cast their

votes.

We're looking for your favorites in a variety of categories — 40 in all — and are excited to announce the winners, so make

sure to cast your votes using the online form at grossepointenews.com/best

Paper ballots also may be dropped off at 16980 Kercheval Place,

City of Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. Winners will be announced in the Sept. 22 issue.

All votes must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18.

For for information, email media@grossepointenews.com or call (313) 882-6900.



New member

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe recently announced it inducted into membership David Eardley, center, the new senior pastor at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. He began his ministry there July 1, moving to Grosse Pointe from Rochester. Pictured with him are John Mozena, left, and Club President Mark Cory.

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Documentary of Pointe native to screen next week

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

A documentary chronicling the life and work of noted gay rights activist Jeffrey Montgomery will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at The Players Detroit, an amateur theater organization located at 3321 E. Jefferson in Detroit.

"America You Kill Me" has had several screenings around metro Detroit in recent months after it premiered in April at the Detroit Free Press Film Festival, but next week's showing promises to be extra special.

"Jeff was a member of the club for 15 years, so we're really honored to screen this for their members," said Daniel Land, who directed the film. "We'll have some introductory remarks and a short video of some things that aren't in the film that really connect Jeff to the club."

John Montgomery,



Jeff's older brother and one of the film's producers, noted that their father was a 35-year Players member and past president.

Audra Kubat, a local musician who composed the music for the documentary, will perform a few songs before the screening, with a Q&A afterward with Land and Montgomery.

Both say the film has been well received.

"It's gotten a standing ovation every time,"

Montgomery said.

Land added that although the documentary is serious in nature, there are laughs, too.

"Jeff was a very funny guy," Land said. "He's got some great one-liners."

The project, nine years in the making, started before Jeff died of a heart attack in 2016, and features interviews with him.

The 1971 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate began

his activism in the mid-1980s, after his partner, Michael, was shot and killed outside a gay bar in Detroit and police refused to investigate.

He was the founding executive director of the Triangle Foundation. The name, as he explains in a trailer for the film, comes from the symbol the Nazis forced homosexuals to wear in their concentration camps during World War II.

"We started off with a

five-minute short in 2014, just to spur interest, but it was always our intent to make a feature-length film," Land said. "We used that to start raising money and we're probably in the low six figures on production costs."

Most of the screenings have been free, with donations encouraged to help further offset those costs.

Next week's showing is the same, with a lim-

ited number of seats available for nonmembers. The Players office can be reached at (313) 259-3385.

Land and Montgomery now are looking for a national distributor.

"Part of the reason for doing all these screenings is to create a following, so that when we do approach some distributors they've heard of it," Montgomery said. "We're hoping to get it released before the midterm elections."



Sponsors honored

Kids on the Go hosted a thank-you event for program sponsors Aug. 4. More than 300 people attended, including sponsors, campers and families. Kristy Schena, founder and executive director of Kids on the Go, said, "This event is a wonderful way to honor our sponsors who keep us going and to help us celebrate our 24 years as a non-profit."

Above, from left, Jacob Dall, Kristy Schena, Cullen Dameron, Adam Fisher and Brody Hinson pose for a photo.

Right, Cecilia Puzzuoli dances on the dance floor with her daughter, Sophia.



Train rides were available throughout the event. Every child who rode received a conductor's hat.



Above, Lucas Murray and Lucas Wanston had fun playing on the rainbow parachute. Left, Wyatt Rewoldt poses with the Kids on the Go mascot, ROAR.

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Mason Moore with his Build-A-Bear and his conductor's hat on the dance floor.

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learn what they can do for the pollinators who surround us."

Bee Fest is free and open to the public. No registration is required. To learn more, visit belleisle.naturecenter.detroitzoo.org.

The Belle Isle Nature Center is located at 176 Lakeside Dr., on Belle Isle State Park in Detroit.

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chi and others; social programs such as creative art, trivia and family fun days; networking groups for those in treatment, out of treatment, women of color, young adults and others; and educational opportunities on topics such as clinical trials, mental health, nutrition guidance and side effect management.

Programs will be added to the current lineup based on community feedback.

“Our programming is going to be catered around the needs of the community,” Studvent said, “what the community identifies as the needs of anyone being



Left, Rachel Felty, LMSW, program manager, and Christina Lombardo, program coordinator, at Gilda's Lake House.



touched by cancer — individuals, loved ones or friends.”

Added Felty, “We’re trying to listen to what the community’s wants and needs are to ensure no one faces cancer alone. New members just want to be around people who get it.

“... It’s community people find most valuable and that’s not something you can pay for,” she continued. “This gives people sense of community you can’t get one-on-one. Being able to share with other people ... is invaluable.”

Felty noted some people may be afraid that attending a support group is going to make them more depressed, but most people who do attend are glad they did and look forward to the next group and getting involved.

Lombardo said the friendships she’s seen develop among participants are still going strong.

All Gilda’s Club programming — whether in person or virtual — is completely free. Those attending in-person programs are required to be vaccinated and wear a mask. Come September,

Gilda’s will offer hybrid meetings that are both in person and virtual.

“We got the technology donated to us during COVID,” Studvent said. “It makes the experience more intimate. We can focus on the person. It’s meaningful for the type of work we do.”

Gilda’s Lake House is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with one late night a month. New member meetings take place every week at all locations.

“This is your new nor-

mal,” Studvent said. “You have to navigate everything, from intimacy to work. Frustration sets in because you’re limited to what you can do or because you’re not there yet. But you get through it. You may have scars from surgery or life limitations with fertility or incontinence or intimacy, which is huge for men and women. You’re navigating a whole host of new things. It’s beyond helpful to have someone else get it.”

There are more than 17 million survivors of cancer, Studvent noted.

“The new normal is hitting more often and for longer periods of time,” she added. “The need for our services is going to grow as some cancers become chronic conditions. That’s where we’re headed.”

That potential uptick is important to keep in mind, Studvent said, because according to the American Cancer Society, 80 percent of regular screenings were skipped for two years during the

pandemic, “so they may get diagnosed at a later stage because they waited,” she said. “It’s projected that we’ll see spikes in diagnosis. We’re here to support that too. We’re not just supporting what a person’s going through, but also the importance of screenings. There are going to be some alarming rates coming out of the lack of screenings during COVID ... but we are here and have the bandwidth because we’ve expanded our support in the tri-county area.”

Apart from its in-house and virtual services, Gilda’s Club hosts community events to raise funds and awareness. In September, the Gilda’s Family 5K Walk & Run takes place at Royal Oak High School. In October, the Lake House location hopes to host a mobile mammography unit, which will provide free breast and cervical screenings for the uninsured and underinsured.

Those interested in learning more about

Gilda’s Club can visit gildasclubdetroit.org or call or visit any of its locations for more information. Members are kept up to date with a monthly newsletter as well.

New to the Lake House location is a childcare area named Noogieland, after a Saturday Night Live sketch featuring Gilda Radner and Bill Murray.

“We’re here for everyone — a child, a teen, a young adult, an older adult, whatever the personal background or economic status or race,” Studvent said. “Cancer is no respecter of any of those things. It does not discriminate.”

Gilda’s Club is able to offer its services free of charge thanks to grants, foundation support and individual donors. For more information or to donate to Gilda’s Club, visit its social media pages — on Facebook and Instagram @gildasclubmetrodetroit, or Twitter @gidlasclubdet — or its website, gildasclubdetroit.org.

In person in August

◆ Tuesday, Aug. 23

Chair Yoga — 10:30 a.m.
Courage Room Meditation — noon
Mindful Journaling — 1 p.m.
Reiki — 3 p.m.

◆ Wednesday, Aug. 24

New Member Meeting — 10 a.m.
Eat Healthy, Be Active — 11 a.m.

◆ Thursday, Aug. 25

Knitting Circle — 1 p.m.
Uku Group — 3 p.m.

◆ Tuesday, Aug. 30

Chair Yoga — 10:30 a.m.
Courage Room Meditation — noon
Art Therapy for All — 3 p.m.

◆ Wednesday, Aug. 31

New Member Meeting — 10 a.m.
Eat Healthy, Be Active — 11 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs. Call (586) 777-7751 or visit gildasclubdetroit.org.

Gilda's Family 5K Walk & Run

What: Participants will receive a T-shirt, free food, family activities and more.

Where: Royal Oak High School, 1500 Lexington Blvd., Royal Oak.

When: Saturday, Sept. 10; registration opens at 7 a.m., the event starts at 8:15 a.m.

How: Sign up at gildaswalkandrun.org or call (248) 577-0800.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Gilda's Club members participate in art therapy, one of many offerings at Gilda's three metro Detroit locations.

FISH:

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also suggests the fish was a male because of its thin body. It was estimated to weigh 150 pounds.

“It was a beautiful creature, but we wanted to make sure we were really gentle with it,” Mark Kujawski said. “It had a couple of scars from

maybe 50 years ago that had healed. Looking at his face, this is not your typical fish. I mean, these things live longer than we do.

“... This was a huge moment in Steven’s fishing career,” he added. “It was before sturgeon season, but he still did it.”

The elder Kujawski said though he had his doubts they’d success-

fully reel in and release the sturgeon, his son barely batted an eye.

“Steven had more confidence than I did,” Mark Kujawski said. “I’ve been watching people fish for years. He was flawless with the way things were — with super light equipment. One wrong move and it could be gone. He pulled out his best performance for this catch.”

Steven Kujawski, a Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, started fishing with his grandfather and then his father, and now fishes three to four times a week.

“I’m recently retired, so I join him,” his father said.

He’s is no stranger to sizable catches. In 2011, he won the Muskie Derby

at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with a 54.5-inch tiger muskie.

Last year, he and his father caught a 64-inch sturgeon — when they were using the proper rigging.

“Doing this with Steven is wonderful,” Mark Kujawski said. “It’s a great father-son thing, a nice wholesome activity. It’s something that keeps

kids out of trouble and on the right track — something nice to be involved in.”

Added Steven Kujawski, “I just love fishing. It’s better than sitting inside. In general, I like being outside in nature. During COVID, when everyone had to be inside, even at that time I was out fishing. I like the fresh air.”



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PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

A steady northeast wind means a spinnaker run to the finish.

Tight start, steady wind

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Sailboats pawed, scratched and scraped to be first across the starting line amid an undulating, irregular mottle of 1 ½-foot chop as though the fleet were a litter of kittens attacking their master's fingers flailing from beneath a bed sheet.

"It's exciting to see racers start," said Mary Fraser, vice commodore and 25-year member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club.

The late Arthur Knapp Jr., a competitive sailor with a capital "S" and member of the National Sailing Hall of Fame, wrote no-nonsensically in "Race Your Boat Right," "It hardly seems necessary to point out that once you are in the starting area, stay there and don't go sailing off any great distance."

Knapp's counsel is doubly prescient for sailors competing in the club's 62nd annual Tuesday night series on Lake St. Clair. Seven heats start at five-minute intervals beginning at 7 p.m. Boats are divided into three courses varying in length from 2.5 to seven miles.

Straying from the starting area, or box, manufactures a handicap from which a skipper might not rebound.

All heats, consisting of boats supposedly evenly matched by such things as size and sail area, start and finish at the fore-end of a small, buoyed box hemmed on one side and within easy earshot of people watching from the outer breakwall of Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe Park.

"There is some salty language, especially when the big boats are on the same tack and they're screaming at each other to get out of the way," Fraser said.

"They fight for air," said Fred Chapman, a past commodore.

With decent wind, races usually end by 8:30 p.m.

"It's popular for people to come down with a little picnic, a little beverage as long as it's not a glass bottle, and enjoy it," Fraser said.

Adding to tight quarters are the 24-mile-wide lake's roughly 1-knot current funneling into the less than two-mile wide maw of the Detroit River, which flows at about 5,200 cubic meters per second.

"The current is really a factor when it's light air because then it can actually pull your boat," Fraser said.

Adding to that are ever-changing eddies created by shoreline currents curling around the park breakwall jutting nearly 700 feet straight from shore.

Improvisation and opportunism are virtues of Lake St. Clair sailors starting races in such a tight box.

"It's a learning scenario for everybody, even those who've raced a long time," race official Barb Samra said. "Something will crop up."

Samra used to work the mainsail of a PT-30 racing out of the North Star Sail Club in Harrison Township.

"You really have to pay attention," she said.

Of descending frequency of concern during races are pleasure boaters trespassing into the box and competitors veering into the international navigation channel when a freighter is in range.

"Freighters have the right-of-way," said Denise Cotter, the club's principal race officer and another past commodore. "If you're racing and a freighter is there, you have to alter course. You might end up on the other side of him and that's just too bad. Somebody hit a freighter a number of years ago. It makes a loud noise and doesn't do your boat any good."

"I think back to some of the night racing we did," Samra said. "It was so foggy we could feel the vibration of a freighter, but couldn't see it. I was scared we were going to run right into a freighter. It sounded like it was right next to us."

Most competitors come from

municipal marinas in the Park, City and Farms; Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club and marinas in Windsor, Ontario.

A goodly little wind registering 16 knots was all the excuse sailors needed to raise ambitions in the ninth and latest race of the season, Tuesday, Aug. 9.

From the time competitors began staging about a half-hour before the first gun until the final heat was off, a clear sky ringed by white clouds demarcating the lake's 130-mile shoreline was displaced by a graying front that teased the threat of rain.

Despite high clouds moving in from the south, a northeast wind blew steadily at lake level throughout the evening.

"When you have air like this, boats can really move," said Dennis Cotter, Denise's husband and yet another past commodore. They're everywhere. Terms of office are only one year, yielding many veterans extant.

"You're a past commodore forever," Dennis Cotter explained before getting back to describing the race setting. "Sailboats seem like they're just painted on the horizon, but they're moving. If you're not paying attention, they'll run you down."

Last Tuesday, the seventh heat, starting at 7:30 p.m., provided the most action-packed and cramped start. Seven Crescent sailboats, a design originating in Detroit in the early 1950s, sought escape from parity.

"It's typical because they're

a very, very competitive group," Fraser said. "The Crescents have been racing together for years and years. But, depending on which way the wind is going, the dicier heats can be the bigger boats because when they get jammed in there, somebody's got to give."

Stepping off square to the wind, skippers tacked one way or another and back again in multifaceted competition with each other, nature and within.

"Always try to work with nature," Samara said.

"A sailboat can't go directly into the wind," Dennis Cotter said. "The closest it can generally sail into the wind is at a 45-degree angle. The fastest heading is called a reach, when the boat is going across the wind."

"The man in charge of the boat on which I did most of my racing smoked a pipe," Samra said. "That pipe, other than burning our clothes once in a while, helped him find the air. He watched the water because if it looks like there's no air, out in the distance you might see little cat's paws (a localized patch of ripples, usually darker in color than contiguous water). You might see something that tells you a puff is coming this way."

Skippers of boats small enough to avoid the risk of grounding often begin the race on an inshore route.

"Sometimes, you get dead air spaces close to shore," Dennis Cotter said. "But, if the air's really light, that's where the air will be because you get a little lake effect when the air over land gets warm and rises, sucking in cooler air from over the lake. When it's light air, you might want to be closer to shore."

Others, often by threat of grounding, shun the shallows.

"When it's blowing like this, you want to be out in the lake," Dennis Cotter said. "You've got to be out in a boat to experience it. There's a magic moment when you motor out from the dock and put up the sails. The wind takes over. You shut off the engine and the boat moves. It's always kind of thrilling, a magical event. All of a sudden, it's quiet and the boat's moving."

Last week's northeast wind provided a chance to fly spinnakers on the homeward leg.

"It's so beautiful with the spinnakers, the pretty sails that get puffed up by the wind and bring the cows home," said Jenny Stacey, past board member. "Gorgeous."

"The fun part is when they all come in at once," said former commodore Chapman.

"We've had finishes within two or three seconds of each other," Fraser said.

Winning boats by class, name, type, owner, sail club and corrected time are, where available:

♦ PHRF A: Freedom, Essie 850, James Cooper, 1:26:26;

♦ Cruising: Wind Toy IV, Morgan 42, Robert Bunn, 1:29:53;

♦ JAM: EZ Money, 1:29:53;

♦ PHRF B: Centurion, J29, Michael Gualdoni, Bayview, 1:00:00;

♦ Cal 25: WhiteFang, Cal 25-1, John Harper, Bayview, 1:05:49;

♦ PHRF C: Go Train, 1:04:38 and

♦ Crescent: Manon, 1:04.12.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club's remaining Tuesday night racing schedule is 7 p.m. Aug. 16, 23 and 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27.



A few minutes into the start of the race, Blown Away Too, left, spars with Defiant.



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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

My mother, the stranger I know and love

Dear Gabby: My mom doesn't wear any makeup anymore and has let her hair go. I am not sure if she really wants to be this way or if she is depressed or just doesn't have the energy to keep it up.

I just miss my old mom, who always looked put together and made an effort. I'm not sure if I should bring it up.

— Perplexed in the Park

Dear Perplexed,
Gabby: If your mom truly wants to go au naturale, I think it's commendable — let it rip! However, if her outside is mimicking her inside and she's not feeling herself — there's nothing better than a mother/daughter spa day to lift the spirits (and the droopy eyes, and dull skin, and neglected nails!).

How about suggesting a day of pampering for you and your mother for the

next holiday? You can give the gift to each other. At the very least you will get to spend some quality time together. And maybe it will be a springboard to breathing some life back into your mom's self-care routine.

For moms, it can be exhausting "doing" for everyone else. Sometimes moms don't have the energy to think about themselves at the end of the day and just need a little pick-me-up.

However, if you feel

your mother is in crisis or struggling with true depression, it is not to be taken lightly or band-aiding with a spa day.

We are lucky in our community to have access to many resources, should that be necessary.

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointe-news.com.



We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Summer humidity wreaks complete havoc on my hair. Even after using what feels like 76 different smoothing hair products, I have a halo of frizz around my hair at all times. It's awesome. I've tried sprays, oils, different hairstyles — literally everything I possibly can to solve this problem and it seems like nothing works.

After complaining to multiple friends about my frizzy hair issue, one friend suggested a hair finishing stick she found on Amazon. I immediately ordered two tubes for \$6.36 and decided to give it a try.

The hair finishing sticks look very similar to a tube of mascara. The finishing stick contains a transpar-

ent gel made of beeswax, glycerol and keratin. The beeswax supposedly forms a protective film on the surface of the hair, the glycerol moisturizes and gives hair shine, and the keratin gives broken hair the nutrition it needs.

The mascara brush head contains many small bristles to spread the product evenly and easily onto hair, and the gel seems completely transparent to make hair silky and not sticky.

It seems like a good product, soooooo ... let's try it!

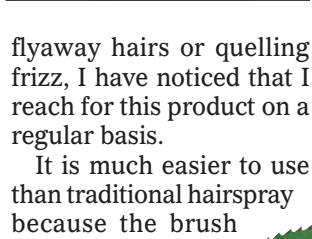
After washing and styling my hair, I used about three applications of the gel onto the top layer of my

hair near my part. It was super simple to use. I just brushed the solution in the direction of my hair and watched flyaway hairs disappear.

At first, my hair looked a little wet at the top. I was a bit nervous because it looked like I had a lot of product in my hair, which is something I never want. I waited a few moments for the solution to dry and the gel became completely invisible and



undetectable. I have to say, I am super impressed with this product! I have been using it a few weeks now and it is a great tool to have in your makeup bag. Whether it's for polishing buns, taming



flyaway hairs or quelling frizz, I have noticed that I reach for this product on a regular basis. It is much easier to use than traditional hairspray because the brush contains such a small amount of gel that it's easy to apply directly where you want it.

of 5 alligators. It's efficient, easy to carry on the go and gets the job done.

To find this product, search for DMLNN Hair Finishing Stick on amazon.com.

We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointenews.com

5 Out Of 5



Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: A friend sent me these "Tips for Life," and I hope you think they are good enough to print. — Ronita

Dear Ronita: They are more than tips; they're a solid blueprint. Thanks for sending them on.

Tips for Life

1. Give people more than they expect, and do so cheerfully.

2. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you'd like.

3. Don't say "I love you" unless you really mean it.

4. When you say "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.

5. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.

6. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt, but it's the only way

to live life completely.

7. In disagreements, fight fair. No name calling.

8. Don't judge people by their relatives.

9. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"

10. Call your mom.

11. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.

12. Don't let a little squabble damage a good friendship.

13. When you realize

you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.



14. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

15. Marry someone you love to talk to. As you get older, good conversation will be one

of the principal elements of an enduring relationship.

16. Remember that

silence is sometimes the best answer.

17. Read more books, and watch less TV.

18. In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.

19. Never interrupt when you are being flattered.

20. Mind your own business.

21. Trust in God, but lock your car.

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Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

Co-workers caught cheating on spouses at work

DEAR ABBY: When I was leaving work last Friday, I caught two co-workers in a passionate

kiss. The elevator doors were just about closed, but I waved my hand and they opened back up.

I averted my eyes before they realized I was there and jumped apart.

Because I was in shock, I made some nervous small talk and did not acknowledge the elephant in the elevator.

My issue is they are both upper management and married to other people. I have no plans to "out" them, but I'm confused about how to interact with them going forward.

I work with them on a daily basis as well as attend company parties, which their spouses usually attend. Any advice would be appreciated as my respect for them has plunged. — SHOULD HAVE WAITED IN THE SOUTH

This is a minefield, so tread carefully and do not say a word about what you saw to anyone.

Your respect for those two may have diminished, but it is vital — for your own sake — that your behavior toward them remain the same as it has always been.

It may take a large dose of amnesia on your part to accomplish this, but it is what I am recommending.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Corn season is here and in full swing. I absolutely adore it and try to serve it as much as I can.

It's so versatile and makes every dish so much better. From salads to soups and pasta, you can pretty much do anything with it.

You'll be seeing a lot of corn recipes from me in the coming weeks because I simply can't get enough.

The one that I'm sharing today is eaten faster than saying the word corn. It's grilled until charred and nutty then slathered in a creamy and citrusy sauce.

Cojita cheese, cilantro and spicy chili powder help to hit every single point on your palate. Don't miss out on this one.

You can substitute feta

for cojita if you can't find it but it is readily available in most stores. Trust me on this, it's an absolute winner.

Cheers, Mombeau

Mexican Street Corn

4 ears of corn, shucked

¼ cup mayonnaise

¼ cup Mexican crema or sour cream

1 garlic clove, finely minced

½ cup cojita cheese

½ teaspoon chipotle chili powder

Juice and zest from a lime

1 lime cut in wedges

for serving

Start by making the sauce. In a medium bowl, add the sour cream or crema, mayonnaise, garlic, cilantro, and lime juice and zest. Crumble the cojita cheese with your clean hands until you get small bits and add to the bowl. Mix together and set aside in the fridge.

Next, turn your grill to high heat, a charcoal grill works best. Once hot, place the corn and cook for about 8 minutes or until charred and brown. Take off the heat and slather each cob with the sauce.

Garnish by sprinkling with the chili powder and serve with lime wedges. Buen provecho!



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



Sauvignon Blanc

One of the world's greatest grapes, sauvignon blanc, has suffered enough indignities over the years to qualify as a survivor — though the accolades it has received recently make it seem as if it's always been a star. In fact, the history of this variety is so checkered that most of today's younger wine buyers would never guess what crises it faced. Today it's widely seen as a go-to grape, a patio sipper best on hot days to cool the brow and great with lighter food.

In its most classic form, in France's eastern Loire Valley, it's one of the more challenging varieties to understand. At its best, it requires lots of bottle aging!

Since most white wines are best consumed young, some people might suspect that older versions of sauvignon blancs are strange. But when they're from France's Pouilly-Fume or its neighbor, Sancerre, this wine can be startlingly complex.

That's not the way most Americans think of it. Some see sauvignon blanc as a simple quaff, probably best exemplified by the \$8 to \$15 versions we see from New Zealand.

They're often slightly sweet to offset high acidity.

Decades ago, in Northern California, winemakers consid-

ered it to be a simple chardonnay alternative. It didn't sell that well, partially because the word "sauvignon" wasn't easy to pronounce.

The word Fume came from the fanciful "Blanc Fume" that had been used in France. The name Fume Blanc here, widely used first in the late 1960s by Robert Mondavi, initially was met with confusion. Some thought it represented a different style of wine than sauvignon blanc.

But they're the same thing, which led the federal government to require that all wines designated "Fume Blanc" also carry "sauvignon blanc" on the label.

After Mondavi adopted "Fume," David Stare, the founder of Dry Creek Vineyards in Sonoma County, began using the name as well in 1972 and it soon was widely accepted.

But sauvignon blanc remained a clear second-tier wine. Most wineries' chardonnays clearly were No. 1, and everyone made one. And for a time in the 1980s and early 1990s, there was much disparagement of sauvignon blanc.

Cool to cold regions such as Monterey County often produced sauvignon blancs with curious if not odd aromatics, such as cilantro, green pepper and even canned

asparagus.

This was related to a natural compound called pyrazine. When the grape is farmed in the wrong way or in the wrong climates, its natural herbaceous qualities can become so strange that Americans dislike it.

However, when the wine comes from vines that are extremely carefully tended to deal with the strong herbal scent, the wine can be fascinating.

Even some of the Loire Valley's most impressive wines have traces of the pyrazine component, and purists simply adore it. But in Monterey County 35 years ago, grape growers had yet to discover the best ways of growing the variety, and some of those wines were widely disparaged for being "green" or leafy.

It wasn't until the mid-1990s when New Zealand's first sauvignon blancs began appearing here, which took the country by storm. Their aromas were so exotic that the wines began to sell well, partially as a result of how the acid and sugar worked in harmony to produce a fine sipping wine.

Today sauvignon blanc is produced in widely different regions. With better understanding of viticultural practices, the wines are more harmonious and balanced than ever before.

Today, several wineries still use Fume Blanc on their primary labels. Now, a few use both names. Dry Creek also makes a wine called sauvignon blanc, as does Napa Valley's Grgich Hills (a new companion to its Fume Blanc).



Sauvignon Blanc is a white wine that owes much of its popularity to winemakers in Bordeaux and the Loire Valley in France.

Wine of the Week:

2021 J. Lohr Sauvignon Blanc, Arroyo Seco, Monterey County, "Flume Crossing" (\$18) — Delicate mint/lime aromas replace the herbal notes of the past with excellent grapefruit and passionfruit elements and a complex, dry finish. Try with sole poached with tarragon.

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
"I'll Find You"
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 1 hr 56min

If you enjoy romantic period-pieces, this one's right up your alley. It's an epic love story set against the backdrop of WWII, and what a dramatic story it is. I'll Find You is loosely based on actual musician's exploits from the late 1930s and 40s in Poland. Some critics have described the film as a modern retelling of Shakespeare's timeless tale "Romeo and Juliet", and I'd say that's a fair comparison.

The film was written by renowned screenwriter David S. Ward (The Sting, Sleepless in Seattle) and Bozenna Intrator and was based on a story by Zbigniew John Raczynski. Martha Coolidge, best know for Valley Girl, Rambling Rose, and Introducing Dorothy Dandridge directed. It was shot primarily in Krakow and Lodz, Poland and the sets are lush and opulent. They really give you a sense of the time period. Several scenes were filmed in the gorgeous Izrael Poznanski Palace.

The story is centered on a Catholic opera singer Robert Pulaski (Leo Suter) and a Jewish violinist Rachel Rubin (Adelaide Clemens). We encounter them reuniting after a two-year absence. Before they separated, there was an awkward kiss where Robert professed his love to her. When they reunite, Rachel confesses that she's moved on, and is now engaged to be married to a Jewish man. However, Robert reveals that he's still madly in love with her, and they rekindle their romance.

We jump back in time to when the two were young students at a prestigious music school. Ursula Parker



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Left, Leo Suter as Robert Pulaski and Adelaide Clemens as Rachel Rubin in the 2019 film "I'll Find You."

and Sebastian Croft do a fantastic job playing the young couple. Rachel is an extraordinarily gifted violinist and is well on her way to a brilliant career. Robert, on the other hand is an average instrumentalist. However, one day he's called on to sing a song. He's an opera aficionado, and when he belts out the tune, everyone is stunned by his remarkable vocal prowess. His singing is witnessed by a legendary opera tenor Benno Moser, played by Stellan Skarsgård.

Fast forward to 1939, when the Germans are about to invade Poland. The Rubin family decides to leave for Zurich, while the Pulaskis have set their sights on Paris. As fate would have it, before the Rubins can flee, the Germans attack, they're forced into hiding. Unfortunately, they're rattled on and the Nazis send them to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Robert witnesses them being rounded up, but he's unable to do anything about it.

Before Robert and Rachel are separated, they promise each other they'd reunite when the war is over at Carnegie Hall. He vows to track down the love of his life and this is where the story gets interesting. His exploits border on the unbelievable, but during times of war, just about anything is possible.

The events that follow will have you on the

edge of your seat. It's quite an adventure, both in terms of actions and geographic distances. The sets were remarkable, and enhanced by the fantastic camerawork of Alexander Gruszynski. Adding to the authenticity is the effective utilization of documentary footage, which is laced throughout the film. I especially enjoyed the rich interiors of the Rubin and Pulaski households. A gorgeous soundtrack perfectly complemented the action. As you'd expect, it was all classical music, supplied by the Prague Philharmonic Orchestra.

If you're in the mood for a memorable love story, with great scenery, acting, and a few unexpected plot twists, I can't recommend I'll Find You strongly enough. It's a film that'll definitely stick with you for a while.

Note to parents: The film is unrated. There are some concentration camp scenes that might be unsettling for young children.

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Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Taurus.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022: You are sensitive and intuitive, but you can also be tough. You are friendly, likable and very focused on whatever interests you. Because of this, you are knowledgeable and well-informed. This is a year of change and greater personal freedom for you. Stay flexible. Be open to new directions and new growth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Make fun plans for today, because you will enjoy all outings, amusements and entertainments. Musical performances, the theater, movies and sports will delight. Plan for a long lunch, a wonderful dinner, a picnic by the beach -- whatever you can do. Tonight: Repair possessions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 You couldn't pick a better evening to entertain at home, because people will be in good spirits. Furthermore, the Moon and fiery Mars are in your sign giving you lots of energy to socialize with others. This is also an excellent day to check out real estate speculation. Tonight: Intense feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Enjoy a short trip or any chance to spend time with siblings, relatives and neighbors over a coffee or a beer, because this is a fantastic, social day! Slip away on a vacation. It's also a good day to begin any kind of enterprise or study. Tonight: Privacy matters.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Although this is a wonderful day to socialize, it's also a great day for business and commerce, particularly for making financial investments for now and in the future. This could involve dealing with foreign countries or other cultures. Tonight: Intense discussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 This is an amazing day for your sign! Both the Sun and fair Venus are in Leo, and Venus is dancing with lucky Jupiter in your fellow Fire sign. It's a great day to travel or take a vacation and explore new places and meet new faces. It's an excellent day for seeing other people. Enjoy! Tonight: Respect authority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 This is a feel-good day for you. Many people are out schmoozing and enjoying good times. You might choose to join them, or you might choose to play things low-key and relax in a lazy, self-indulgent way. It's your call. Either way, this is a lovely, laid-back day. Tonight: Avoid debates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 You are a social sign, and today is the day to socialize! Enjoy interacting with clubs and organizations. People want to talk to you. You will particularly enjoy hanging out with creative, artistic people. Dress up and go out to trip the light fantastic! Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 This is a powerful day for you, because you make a fabulous impression on everyone. (You don't have to do anything special to shine in the eyes of others.) Therefore,

today is the day to make your pitch! Ask for what you want, because people will probably give it to you. (Yes!) Tonight: Patience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 This is the perfect day for a vacation or to travel anywhere. It's also a great day to explore new experiences as well as opportunities in medicine, the law and higher education. Romance with someone "different" might blossom. Spend time with people who like you. Tonight: Work hard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Business and financial arrangements with others are blessed today. This is an excellent day to get a loan or mortgage. People will give you favors or help your family or do something to benefit your home. Discussions about how to divide something will benefit you. Tonight: Keep things light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 This is an excellent day to schmooze! Enjoy the company of others. It's a great day to seal the deal or begin an exciting project. Your relations with foreign countries and people from other cultures will benefit you. Tonight: Lighten up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Whatever you do today will please you, especially at work or with whatever task you set for yourself. Work-related travel will delight you. It's a wonderful day to start a new job. It's a great day to socialize! Tonight: Be agreeable.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Kaitlin Olson (1975), actor Andy Samberg (1978), actor, director Robert Redford (1936).

Contract Bridge

REDUCING THE RISK FACTOR

East dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K J 5	♥ 10 8 3	♠ 9 8 6 4 2	♥ 7 5 4
♦ 7 6 4	♣ A Q 9 2	♦ K J 5 3 2	♣ —
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 10 3	♥ A 6 2	♠ A Q 7	♥ A 6 2
♦ K Q J 9	♣ J 10 8 6 5	♦ A 10 9	♣ K 7 4 3

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — king of hearts.

A competent declarer always hopes for the best but prepares for the worst. That is the backbone of good play, and this case from a rubber-bridge game illustrates the principle. South was in three notrump, and West started with the K-Q-J of hearts, declarer taking his ace on the third round. Without giving the matter much thought, South then led a low club to the ace. When East showed out, declarer could do no better than collect his eight high-card tricks and so finished down one. While it is granted that South was unlucky to run into a 5-0 club divi-

sion, the fact remains that had he applied the principle stated above, he would have made the contract.

South should have recognized that the ninth trick could come only from the club suit, and also that there was no advantage in initiating the suit by leading a low club to the ace or queen. There was a chance, however, that he might gain a trick by playing the king of clubs first. Thus, had South cashed the king initially, he would have had no trouble scoring four club tricks and making three notrump.

Declarer should start on the basis that the contract is cold if the clubs are divided 3-2. He should then turn his attention to how he might protect himself against a 5-0 or 4-1 split.

South should conclude that if East has any holding of four or five clubs, only three club tricks can be made no matter how the suit is attacked. South should then focus all his thoughts on what he might do if West has the club length.

Once declarer reaches this point, he should realize that by cashing the king first, he can overcome the J-10-x-x in West's hand, while nothing can be gained by the alternative low club lead.

It is true that in the great majority of hands it won't make any difference which club is led first, but from the standpoint of good technique, the king is clearly the right play.

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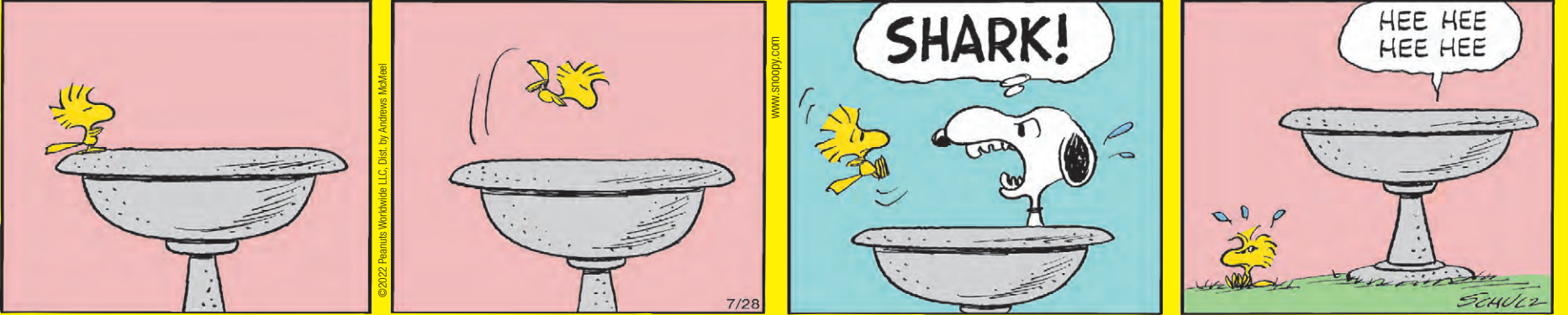
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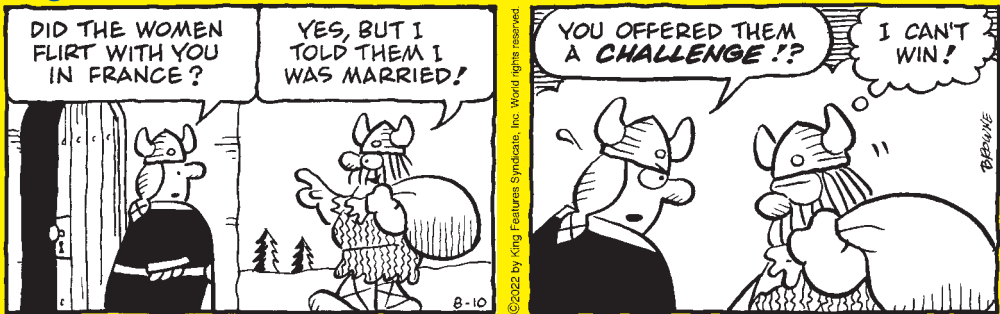
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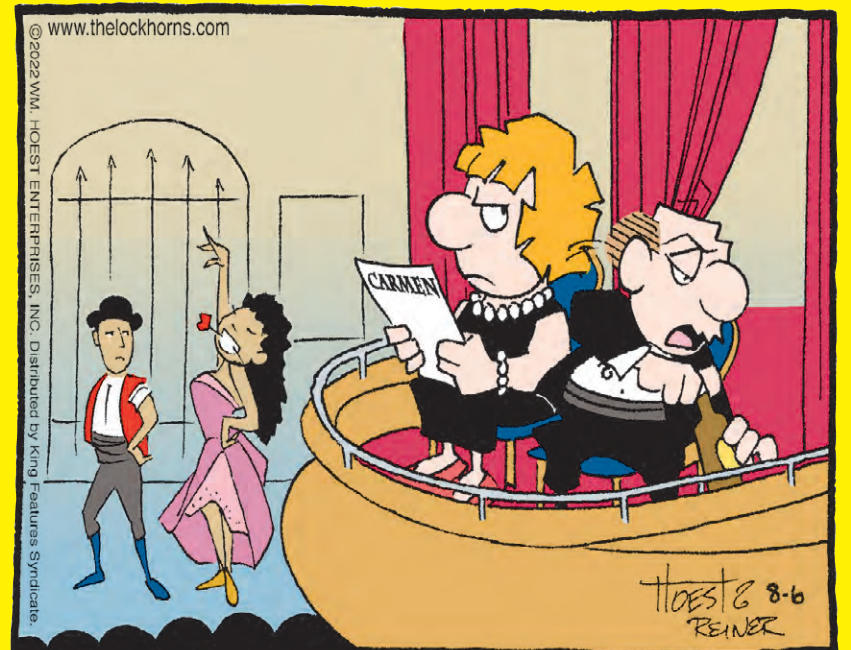
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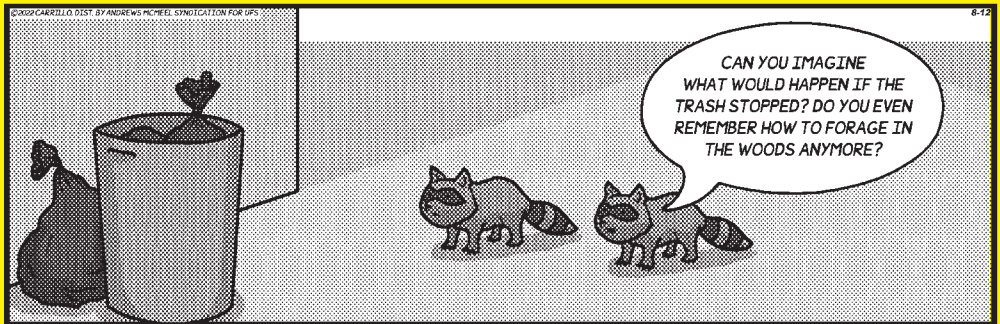
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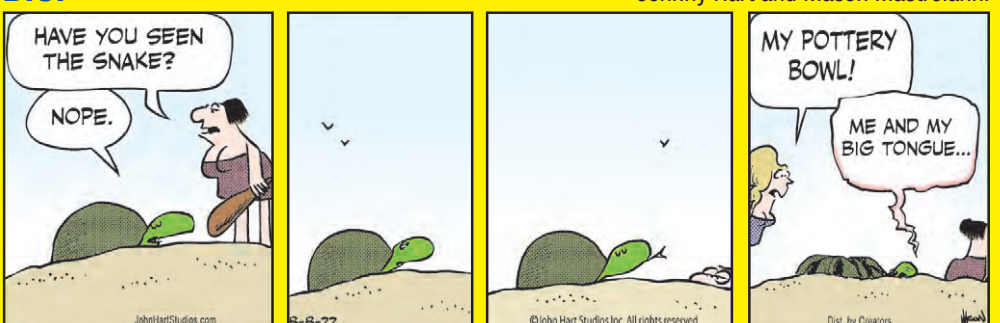
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"No, you cannot get a raise in your allowance, but I AM going to make you Employee of the Month!"

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"Anybody can guess you're thinking of a steak bone."

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2022

As school bells ring and the weather cools, Grosse Pointe's fall sports season is heating up. Take a look inside for team previews, pictures and playoff hopes for your favorite high school squads from around the city.

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2D | FOOTBALL

Norsemen see growth in experience and toughness going into football season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When Grosse Pointe North's football season came to an end last October with a 42-0 loss to rival Grosse Pointe South, Norsemen head coach Joe Drouin knew exactly what his team's shortcomings were. The Norsemen finished the 2021 season with a 3-6 record, a record that Drouin somewhat attributes to the amount of effort North put into last offseason.

A whole winter, spring, and now summer have passed with time for North to change that, and coach Drouin is already seeing a world of difference.

"It was probably one of the better off-seasons that I've been involved with as a coach," Drouin said. "We would average 20-30 kids in the weight room three days a week during the winter months. That's a difficult time and they would compete against themselves and it's hard to get that drive and dedication...we get 25 to 30



North players line up to practice tackling drills during the first week of fall practice in an effort to build toughness for the upcoming season.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

guys in there who are working hard and in the summer we got a strength coach to work with the guys."

North's goal at the end of last fall was to spend the off-season out-working every other team in the MAC Gold Division. The answer to whether or not the team has achieved that will not be known until a couple of months down the road, but the Norsemen are

confident that they are taking steps in the right direction.

Where that strength and conditioning is really going to benefit the Norsemen is in the trenches. This season, North's offensive and defensive lines look to be tougher and more experienced. Drouin has spent the last couple of years developing a group of young linemen who he now feels are ready to

reach their full potential.

"In the past, we were going into games with a JV line, but we finally have guys who have been getting in the weight room and showing what they have and have the experience," he said. "They've grown together and it's time we start to cash in the bets we made a few years ago with these kids."

When it comes to the offensive line, that added

strength and experience is going to be key in protecting North's signal caller. Daniel Taylor returns this fall for his senior season as the starting quarterback for the Norsemen and is surrounded by other returning starters such as running back Jaden Holyfield, receiver PJ Sorce, Brennan and Drew Hill, Kyle Armbruster and more.

Being a senior himself and with plenty of veterans around him, this could be the fall where Taylor really shines. The amount of experience across the board has even given Drouin more confidence in adjusting the offense more to fit Taylor's skillset of being able to both throw and run.

"(Taylor's) athleticism is his strongest part, that and his decision making," said Drouin. "Seeing how he's developed from the end of last year to this year is one of the most exciting things for us... He's in a situation where we've adapted the offense more toward his

skillset going more to the RPO (run-pass option) look to allow him to use his legs a bit more."

With the amount of experience returning to this year's team and hard work in the offseason, it is hard for the Norsemen to not be optimistic going into the new season that things can end better than they did last fall. Every improvement is going toward the ultimate goal of making it back to the playoffs, but North knows that everything in football is taken one step at a time.

"We want to see improvement from day one to the end of the year," Drouin said. "We have practices planned out until the day after Thanksgiving because everybody's goal is to make it to Ford Field. But it's really one week at a time. Our most important game is the next game since we have to beat Clintondale."

North opens up the 2022 football season on Thursday, Aug. 25 at home against Clintondale.

Liggett football ready for fresh start

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Getting ready for his first full season as the head football coach at University Liggett, Matt Lapolla has spent this off-season trying to accomplish one of his biggest goals: establishing culture.

"It's all about bringing excitement back into the program," Lapolla said. "There are so many athletes at Liggett and we want them to grow not only as football players but as overall athletes. We instituted a new training program with guys in the weight room every day with conditioning afterwards and there was huge buy in. The kids want it."

The Knights are going to benefit this year from the number of multi-sport athletes the school has. Whether they are athletes skilled in other sports but new to football or athletes with previous football experience, one way of boosting the program's success could be simply getting more players who are eager to compete on the gridiron.

Experience in other sports is also helping to bring a more veteran presence to this year's Liggett football team. The Knights ended 2021 with a record of 3-6 and know there is plenty of work still to do to improve. As the new season approaches, Lapolla hopes the addition of experienced, multi-sport athletes will help the Knights not only this season but for years to come.

"Some of the biggest additions we've had are the kids returning to the program who played previously," he said. "We added new faces who are still veterans to help build up some of our younger kids and help them see what we expect."

Some of the athletes returning to the Liggett team for this season include Jake Martin, Josh Pierce, Jack Jones and quarterback Ryan Jones. The addition of Jones at quarterback is something that Lapolla sees as very exciting, giving him more ability to play into his strengths as a coach.

Lapolla's bread and butter is offense, and bringing more skilled athletes into the Liggett football program this season is exactly what he and his fellow coaches wanted to start moving the team in a more positive direction. With a new leader under center and experienced athletes around him, the Knights are hopeful that their skills can fit into a fast offensive game plan.

"As an offensive coach, I like my athletes to get the ball in space," said Lapolla. "How we do that depends on the personnel we have...We'll be ten personnel most of the time spread out with one back in the backfield. With Ryan at quarterback, he's a dual threat. He can run, is smart and can make accurate throws. It's about taking advantage of our skill sets and we can get a ton of athletes on the field."

Ready to make a fresh start this fall, new faces on the field and on the sidelines have the potential to make a big difference for the Knights. The potential for success is there just based on the

quality of athletes that Liggett is beginning to bring into the football program, which the coaches see as setting themselves up for more success both right now and in the future.

"Kids love seeing the ability of what our pro-

gram can do," Lapolla said. "Before we get to wins and losses, we want to build what we expect from a Liggett football program. Our team motto is 'win the moment'. We will think long term but want to focus on each individual

moment and focus on winning each of those moments. If you win the moment, then your goals will fall into place."

Liggett begins the football season on Thursday, Aug. 25 hosting Detroit Communications Media Arts.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett is preparing for its first full season under head coach Matt Lapolla.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

GROSSE POINTE NORTH VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/25	Clintondale
9/1	@ Warren Mott
9/9	Eastpointe
9/16	@ Cousino
9/23	@ Warren Woods Tower
9/30	Lake Shore
10/7	Fitzgerald
10/14	@ Sterling Heights
10/21	Grosse Pointe South



GROSSE POINTE SOUTH VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/27	Dexter (@ Wayne State)
9/1	Anchor Bay
9/9	@ Utica
9/16	@ L'Anse Creuse
9/23	Roseville
9/30	@ Henry Ford II
10/7	Lakeview
10/14	Romeo
10/21	@ Grosse Pointe North



UNIVERSITY LIGGETT VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/25	Detroit Communications Media Arts
9/1	@ Lutheran Westland
9/10	Cardinal Mooney
9/17	Our Lady of the Lakes
9/23	@ Everest Collegiate
9/30	@ Cabrini
10/7	Shrine Catholic
10/15	University Prep
10/21	@ New Haven



Hepner inherits veteran offense, young defense at South

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For the first time in over a decade, the Grosse Pointe South football team is preparing for the season without Tim Brandon as head coach. Taking the reins this year is Chad Hepner, a longtime figure in the Blue Devils' program and former defensive coordinator, now the head coach.

As Hepner prepares for his first season at the helm, he has familiar faces around him — not only in the coaching staff, but, most importantly, with the players on the field. Although South has lost some key pieces from last season, largely on defense, the players who are back this year already have impressed their new coach with their attitude.

"I've been real impressed with our senior leadership," Hepner said. "We have some returning starters who have really taken the lead and have been not only working hard themselves, but helping to bring some of the younger guys along and they've been very encouraging. The off-season strength training and weight room participation we've had has been amazing. ... We know that's going to help us in the long run."

Much of that returning senior leadership comes on the offensive side of the ball. Anthony Benard is back for his senior year and will start at quarterback for South for the third straight season. Another key returning figure on offense is Egan Sullivan, a running back and slot receiver who missed a majority of

2021 due to injury, but is looking to make a big impact in his return this fall.

Another big advantage the Blue Devils have this season is the returning experience of the offensive line. South's O-line has four starters returning this season, including seniors Peter Ulku, Johnny Klunder and Joey Labadie, along with junior C.J. Schervish. With a veteran QB and an experienced line to protect him, Hepner and his fellow coaches are more confident some of their new offensive schemes can be successful.

"We've simplified the run game to focus on maybe a smaller number of plays but being able to execute them," Hepner said. "In the passing game, we're focusing on a few concepts that can be used out of a lot of formations and personnel groups."

The pieces for South to be successful on offense are there; however, Hepner's bread and butter is the defensive side of the ball. Defense is where things become a bit more uncertain for the Blue Devils this fall, with senior linebacker and leading tackler from last year, Donovan Moody, as one of only two defensive starters returning to this year's team.

There still is some uncertainty about which players might be starting in certain defensive positions. The lack of experience on defense on the field is helped by the wealth of experience defensively the South coaching staff has on the sidelines, making the team more confident that defense will con-

tinue to be the backbone of the Blue Devils' program.

"While there is inexperience on defense with the players, we do have consistency with our coaches," Hepner said. "I had been a defensive coordinator for more than 10 years. ... There will be consistency with schemes and having come from the defensive side of the ball, that's always going to be a point of emphasis. We may not know all the names and faces who are going to be there yet, but we know that it will continue to be a top priority and a pillar of the program."

Defense has been the pride of South's team for many years and Hepner's background in coaching the defensive side of the ball can help that continue. There still are some question marks going into this season, but the veterans who are returning know what it is like to play in big games and make it to the playoffs.

Before they can get back there, Hepner's main goal for the season is one many first-year head coaches have.

"A point of emphasis is developing culture," Hepner said. "I consider myself a culture coach. By the end of the year, I think if we develop the positivity, winning mindset and confidence as a team and the ability to play for each other, then the winning and all those other goals will follow with it."

South football begins the season Saturday, Aug. 27, against Dexter at Wayne State's Tom Adams Field as part of the 2022 Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic.



South's football team returns a wealth of starters on offense this season, but only two starters on defense.



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The Blue Devils enter the 2022 season with former defensive coordinator Chad Hepner taking over as the new head coach.

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4D | SWIM AND DIVE

South swimmers in position as serious state title contenders

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Hot off the heels of its impressive second-place finish to Birmingham Seaholm at last year's state finals, Grosse Pointe South's girls varsity swim and dive team is taking a championship mentality into the new season with a talent pool that runs decidedly deep.

With two state runner-up finishes in the last four years, the other in 2019, the Division 2 program has gotten a taste of what elite is like.

"We are super excited for this season," said South's head coach, John Fodell. "Our depth is huge. If we have a chance at (winning) states, we are going to need it."

South's biggest strength is not in any one race or from any one swimmer. Instead, it's difficult to find the team's weakness.

"Top to bottom, there's not an event we are weak in," Fodell said. "Every event is so deep."

"You kind of hold your breath and hope it stays as is."

On a team nearly 50 swimmers strong, freshmen through seniors, the Blue Devils are banking on contributions from everyone, with leadership coming from cap-

tains Sophie Schuetze, Sophia Kapla, Phoebe Handwork, Brooke Lezotte and Sienna Clark.

The senior captains all have vast state and national meet experience, forming the core of the teams top medley and freestyle relays.

"The hope is that we can win one or two of these races at the state meet," Fodell said.

Marking more than a decade with the program, assistant coach Bill Thompson will help the team once again, along with Tom Mulhern, who will coach the divers.

The team also has added a secret weapon to its coaching staff this year: Ali DeLoof, a former University of Michigan swim captain, Team USA swimmer and South class of 2012 graduate.

"Ali will be helping us with dry-land workouts and with some activation stuff she has learned," Fodell said. "It will be great having her consulting with us on that."

South faces a challenging regular season schedule in the MAC Red, a league the team won last year, against foes like Macomb Dakota and Eisenhower. But in what Fodell calls a "true test" of where they stand, the

team will face off against powerhouse Ann Arbor Pioneer at home Saturday, Oct. 22.

"Pioneer won (Division 1) states the last two years, so if you can give them a run for your money, then you've really got something," he said.

South lost a few swimmers to graduation, in particular phenom Olivia Yoo, the Grosse Pointe News 2021-22 Female Athlete of the Year, who will swim for the University of Pittsburgh this year. Still, Fodell said he expects his seniors to step up. He also said he is counting on his younger swimmers to make a big splash.

"Our freshmen made a big impact at the MAC Red championships last year, but the question is how big of an impact they make at states this year," he said. "All of the classes have really good swimmers and we need to stay healthy."

But is standing on top of the podium in November in their future?

"As far as a state championship goes, that is all up in the air, but it is the be-all, end-all with a team like this."

South dives into its season beginning Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Wayne State relay meet.



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Coach John Fodell gives the South swimmers some pointers during pre-season practice.

Knights embrace team spirit on small but strong squad

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

While its roster may be small compared to its counterparts at Grosse Pointe South and North, the goals for University Liggett's 2022 girls swim and dive team remain big.

Joining forces with Regina High School in Warren as a combined team, 16 swimmers — six of whom are from Liggett — and a diver are focusing on a fun, competitive season led by new head coach John Girdwood.

Girdwood said he is taking a team-first approach, whether the swimmer is a Liggett Knight or Regina Saddlelite.

"We are well-rounded. I think we are going to do well as a combined team, a formidable one," he said.

Now in the second week of practices, Girdwood, alongside assistant coach Erin Holtz, said they are seeing signs of some good team chemistry.

"We start each practice by sharing any good news someone might have, or share our weekend plans at our Thursday practice, so that's helping us get to know each other."

With plans to coach the swimmers from both schools "as a unit" overall, Girdwood also is working with different groups within the team, broken down by skill levels: Advanced swimmers, largely consisting of club swimmers and upperclassmen, log 7,000

yards per practice; moderate swimmers have a goal of swimming 3,000 yards a practice and the beginners group works to swim 1,500 yards per day.

"We want to help each girl work for themselves to improve, plus work to improve overall," he said of the team, which practices at Warren Woods Tower due to Liggett's lack of a competition pool.

Girdwood pointed to the breaststroke and butterfly events as team strengths.

"We have our eye on some girls making states," he said. "That's definitely our goal."

Girdwood said Liggett senior Miki Farah has stepped up as team captain and is embracing the role.

"She led the charge and created a team T-shirt, so her taking that upon herself shows good leadership," he said.

The team will face tough competition in the Catholic High School League this season against Marian, Mercy and Bishop Foley, along with non-league meets against Marysville, Utica, Cranbrook and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Girdwood said as much as the team has big goals in mind, he hopes what each swimmer learns extends beyond the pool.

"I would hope by the end of the season, we achieve our team goals," he said. "But individually, I hope we see a variety of things, like improved times or making the county meet or,

for others, it's making states.

"But things like rigor, hard work and teamwork, those are words we take seriously and want that to be what our team is all about," he said.

Liggett swimmers include Farah, Kelsey Beckett, Addie Ancona, Mia Pyenta, Isabella Haladjian and Annabel Klassen, who with their Regina teammates will kick off the season in a tri-meet against Cranbrook and Bishop Foley Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Cranbrook.

Program produces success stories

University Liggett's girls swim and dive program may be one of Grosse Pointe's smallest, but the team boasts of two very accomplished swimmers among its alumni: Sophie Housey and Ginger McMahon, who are now competing at the Division 1 college level in Top 25 programs.

Housey ('19), who recently transferred from the University of Michigan to Texas A&M, and McMahon ('22), who will begin her swim career at Arizona State University this fall, are two-time individual state champions for the ULS Knights.



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South's girls varsity swim and dive team celebrates its MAC Red championship win last fall, before capturing second place at the Division 2 state meet two weeks later.

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North refocuses with new coach

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

As the new head coach for Grosse Pointe North's girls varsity swim and dive team, Chris Trepanowski hopes his day job there as an honors chemistry teacher will help him bring back a winning formula to the program.

"Once the girls get to know me, they will see I have high expectations, but I am also laid back, if those two things can go together," Trepanowski said. "I want to be positive, encouraging and work with each swimmer on how to do things a little bit better."

Last year's team continued to shrink as the season dwindled, so Trepanowski said he also wants to instill a spirit of commitment in his first year.

"I want us to establish resiliency as a team, he said.

The group faced a test of that resiliency straight away when North's pool was shut down for repair this summer. Trepanowski, along with Assistant Coach Brenna Grazioli, moved quickly to secure workouts in the outdoor pool at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods, not skipping a beat.

The team hopes that "no days off" mentality helps them in a few weeks when the season kicks off at the Royal Oak relay meet Thursday, Sept. 1. During the regular season, they will compete in the MAC Gold, facing teams from St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Warren and Sterling Heights.

While he is still getting to know his new team at North, he expects at least two special swimmers to make major contributions, namely junior Rylee Nugent and freshman Cailey Hard.

"They have the repertoire to do everything," Trepanowski said. "We will have to figure out exactly what that looks like in terms of how they can best help the team."

Trepanowski previously taught at Chandler Park Academy in Detroit and coached cross country and track and field there. He also is a former high school swimmer and team captain at St. Clair Shores South Lake, meaning North's new head coach understands the delicate balance the sport requires between individual and team goals.

"Swimming is a team sport with an individual aspect to it. I hope to focus on helping the girls set individual goals and achieve them," he said. "But beginning swimmers are as much a part of this team as the best."

"We will work at different goals depending on the swimmer. It might be



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New head coach Chris Trepanowski talks to a couple North swimmers during practice ahead of his first season at the helm of the Norsemen's girls swim and dive team.

better times or challenging themselves to swim longer races," he added. "I want to get them into the pool and be satisfied with what they have achieved, whether it's swimming at your best or getting as many (personal records) as best we can."

Trepanowski's swim experience also has taught him how easily swimmers can burn out. He hopes to steer his team clear of becoming

waterlogged this season by mixing up practices and adding team dinners and outings, while getting parents engaged.

"Swimming is competitive, but you can become bogged down and lose the fun," he said.

Overall, Trepanowski, along with Grazioli and Diving Coach Tom Mulhern, plans on spreading a passion for the pool to his team.

"I have always loved swimming and still get

into the water every chance I get," he said. "When I stopped coaching for a bit, I missed the kids I coached and wanted to share my love and passion for it with others again."

For now, he is just excited to get started.

"At the end of the season, I want us to have reached our goals," he said. "But I also want to set new ones and take that momentum into the future."



North junior Rylee Nugent gets practice in the pool ahead ahead of the upcoming season.



North swimmers hit the pool during practice to work on their backstroke as the start of the fall season approaches.

SWIM & DIVE SCHEDULES

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

9/1	Raven Relays (@ Royal Oak)
9/6	@ Lakeview
9/13	@ L'Anse Creuse
9/20	Grosse Pointe South
10/4	@ Dakota
10/11	@ Eisenhower
10/18	Anchor Bay

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

8/30	Wayne State Relays
9/1	@ Ann Arbor Skyline
9/13	@ Lakeview
9/15	Fraser
9/20	@ Grosse Pointe North
9/27	Dakota
9/29 - 9/30	Wayne Co. Championship (@South)
10/4	Eisenhower
10/11	@ Anchor Bay
10/22	Ann Arbor Pioneer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

9/20	Cranbrook and Bishop Foley @ Cranbrook
9/28	Greenhills @ Whitmore Lake
10/4	Marian
10/8	Orphan Invitational
10/18	Mercy
10/20	Utica and Marysville @ Eisenhower
10/25	@ Bishop Foley
11/1	Divine Child

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Top: Blue Devils coach Jessie Rouleau brings a younger roster into the 2022 season as South looks to defend its state championship. Bottom: University Liggett's field hockey team has moved back down to Division 2 after competing in Division 1 last fall.

Field hockey teams ready to stick it to 'em

By Clare Ramsdell & Grace Cueter
Interns

University Liggett School hosted its annual playday Saturday, Aug. 13, kicking off the 2022 field hockey season in the Grosse Pointes. Teams from the surrounding area came for a day of shortened games, 34 minutes each, before the start of the regular season. Grosse Pointe North ended with a record of 1-1-2 and South 0-2-2. Liggett brought the heat going 3-0-1.

The Knights competed in Division 1 last year and this year, as they face Division 2, Coach Amanda Amine is eager to see how competing against top-tier competition has improved their skills. She hopes having strong senior leadership will help them win the Catholic League Championship and their third state championship in five years.

"We are led by seniors Alexandra Karolak, Izzy Fruehauf, Brooke Summers and Lexie Gormely," Amine said. "Sisters Hallie and Liv Marcero are also players to look out for."

The playday will not be the only time the three Grosse Pointe teams face each other this season. Liggett goes against Grosse Pointe North Wednesday, Sept. 21, and against Grosse

Pointe South Monday, Sept. 26. Grosse Pointe North takes on Grosse Pointe South Thursday, Oct. 6. Additionally, Grosse Pointe North and South are bringing back their annual "Stick it to Cancer" game this season during homecoming week, a specific date to be announced.

"It is always fun to play our local rivals, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South," Amine said.

Grosse Pointe South is building its varsity from the ground up with only four returning players with varsity-level game experience. Coach Jessie Rouleau is looking forward to a season of growth on the team, led by top athletes Scout Webber, Abby Brink, Meredith Tiderington, Natalie Coffey and Natalie Clark.

"This is a rebuilding year for us," Rouleau said. "We will look to our six senior leaders and four returning players to help build a new foundation for our young squad. We are learning how to play together, work together and grow together."

Rouleau believes her young team is not to be underestimated, as they are willing to put the work in to learn the game at a varsity level. She is excited to see the improvements they will make as the season progresses.

"We always set team goals on the first day of practice," Rouleau said. "This year the team wants to work hard as a team and communicate, improve fitness and leave it all on the field at every game."

Grosse Pointe North's varsity team is coming in with 15 seniors, which means the team has a lot of experience on the field. Coach Sara Gentile is hoping to give the girls an even better understanding of the game this season and set up drills that will simulate game-time decision-making and awareness on the field.

"We have a very focused, hard-working team that does not want to lose," Gentile said. "I would keep a special eye out for our top scorer and All-state player, Sophia Borowski. She is determined to be the top scorer in our division this year."

Gentile believes physical strength is one of the most important qualities of a successful team and she plans to push the girls during their first two weeks of practice.

"With the conditioning they will undergo in the first two weeks, I have no doubt we will be one of the most in-shape, fastest teams," Gentile said. "We will be working on stick skills and footwork daily to strengthen our performance."

FIELD HOCKEY SCHEDULES

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

8/20 @ Forest Hills Central	
8/23 @ Cranbrook	
8/26 @ Mercy	
8/30 Bloomfield Hills	
9/1 @ Regina	
9/8 Farmington	
9/12 @ West Bloomfield	
9/14 @ Country Day	
9/17 @ East Grand Rapids	10/3 Greenhills
9/19 Edsel Ford	10/5 @ Clarkston
9/21 Liggett	10/6 @ Grosse Pointe South
9/23 Marian	10/11 Sacred Heart
9/27 Rockford	10/17 @ Dearborn



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8/18 @ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard	
8/22 Sacred Heart	
8/24 Clarkston	
8/27 @ Forest Hills Central	
8/27 @ Rockford	
8/30 @ Country Day	
9/8 @ Marian	
9/12 @ Dexter	9/27 Chelsea
9/14 Edsel Ford	10/4 Mercy
9/17 East Grand Rapids	10/6 Grosse Pointe North
9/19 @ Farmington	10/10 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer
9/22 @ Cranbrook	10/12 West Bloomfield
9/26 Liggett	



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8/25 @ St. Catherine of Siena	
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10/10 West Bloomfield	10/17 @ Novi



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Grosse Pointe North's field hockey team has plenty of experience returning this fall, with 15 seniors coming back to the roster.

Final junior regatta names river champs

By Cindy Logan
Special Writer

Sailors from the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association's Junior Regatta Series (DRYA) completed the 2022 summer racing series at the Detroit Yacht Club Aug. 1 and 2, capping an exciting season on the water.

On Day 1, the sailors faced a steady wind in the Detroit River, but despite threatening weather moving in, finished a series of short-course races. On Day 2, the juniors competed in the annual River Championships Invitational to end DRYA's junior season.

The River Championships originated in 1956, when junior sailors from Detroit Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club first began inter-club competition, according to former Detroit Yacht Club commodore Edwin C. Theisen Jr.

Each club fielded only three teams in Interlake (16 foot daysailers) and wooden 7/11 dinghy classes, he said.

Fast forward to 2022, and the River Champs tradition continues with not only improved boat technology, but also vastly expanded competition with almost 100 DRYA junior sailors racing this year in Opti, 420

and Laser classes. Because the invitational consists of one long-distance race, as opposed to the usual series of short races, it is popular among the junior sailors, especially the 420 and Laser sailors, who are challenged with racing around Belle Isle.

The winner of each class is awarded the title of River Champion.

This year it was "challenging to play the wind shifts," said 420 sailor Emily Jaraki, who sailed around the island. Laser sailor Evan McNanney added, "The light winds with the current pushing back at you made it hard to maintain your position."

Overall, both agreed it was a fun time.

"Impressive, no matter the weather or wind, is the junior sailors' respect and command of the water with confidence rather than fear," said Patricia Thull O'Brien, past commodore of the DYC.

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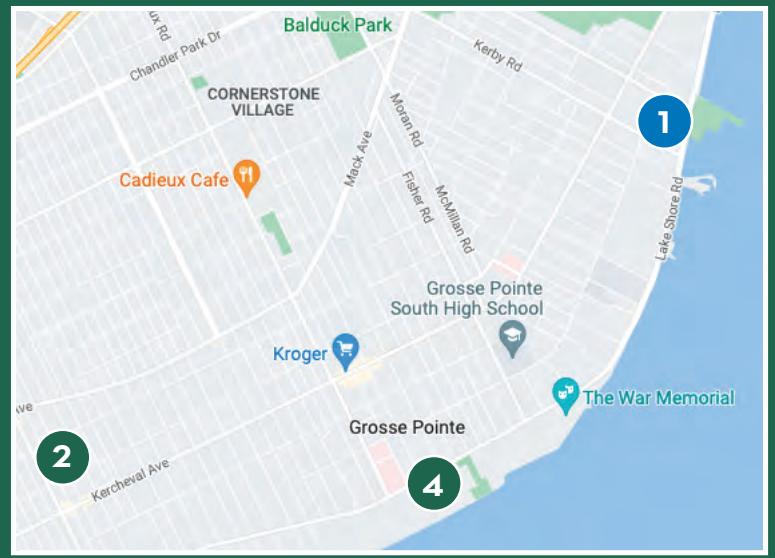
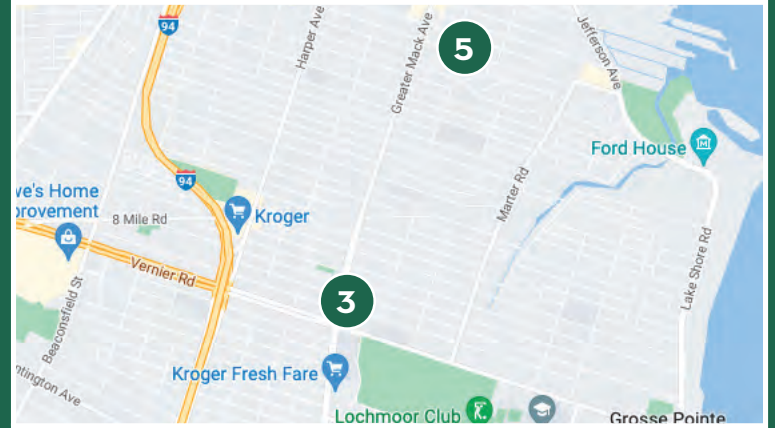
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